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"BENECO Power:
Governance Stronger,
Service Smarter,
Future Brighter"



About BENEKO



The **Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENEKO)** stands as a pillar of progress in Northern Luzon's Cordillera Administrative Region. Since its inception on October 5, 1973, BENEKO has transformed from a fledgling non-stock, non-profit entity into a world-class, technology-driven stock cooperative that powers the vibrant Baguio City and the vast, rugged terrain of Benguet Province.

Historical Foundations: The Blueprint for Growth

BENEKO's journey began through the integration of fragmented power systems. In January 1974, it took over the aging American-built Asin Mini-Hydro plants (4160V system) and various small power units serving the city's outskirts and neighboring towns such as Itogon, Tuba, and La Trinidad.

Recognizing that the old infrastructure could no longer sustain modern growth, BENEKO's engineers implemented a visionary upgrade from the 4160V American-designed system to a high-capacity 23kV distribution system. Today, BENEKO remains one of the pioneering electric cooperatives in the Philippines to operate this advanced 23kV system—a strategic choice that enables wider area coverage and significantly lower system losses across the mountainous province.

Electrification Milestones: Reaching the Last Mile

BENEKO's commitment to rural electrification has been nothing short of fearless.

- **Barangay Full Electrification:** In March 2012, BENEKO officially achieved 100% electrification at the barangay level across its 269-barangay franchise area.
- Demonstrating its steadfast commitment to bringing electricity to the remotest villages, BENEKO took a bold step in rural electrification by securing a ₱100 million loan to bridge the gap and ensure that 136 sitios would be energized. This initiative later became a flagship government program, leading to the creation of electrification subsidies under the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP) in 2011.
- **Expanded Reach:** The cooperative continues to implement major projects for underserved communities while maintaining a 100% collection efficiency rate and a system loss of 8.63%—well below the national regulatory cap of 10.25%.

Technological Evolution: The Trailblazer Cooperative

BENEKO has consistently led the way in technical

innovation and digital modernization. It became the country's first electric cooperative to go digital, beginning in 1999 with the development of its own Geographic Information System (GIS).

- **Smart Grid and SCADA:** BENEKO pioneered the implementation of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems for real-time monitoring and later became a pilot cooperative for the NEA's Digital Dashboard Command Center.
- **Digitalization and AMI:** The cooperative is currently undergoing a Smart Grid transformation through the implementation of Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI), enabling remote meter reading and digital billing via SMS and email.
- **Operational Centralization:** In 2016, BENEKO transferred operations to its “one-stop-shop” headquarters at #4 South Drive, Baguio City. In 2023, the building was renamed the Gerardo P. Verzosa (GPV) Building in honor of the leadership that steered BENEKO toward technical and financial excellence.

Sustainable Future: Generation and Green Energy

In a historic transition, BENEKO evolved from being solely a power distributor into a power generator.

- **Man-asok Mini-Hydro:** In November 2024, the 3.24 MW Man-asok Mini-Hydro Plant in Buguias began commercial operations, marking the cooperative's first self-owned generation project.
- **Renewable Expansion:** BENEKO has secured Certificates of Authority from the DOE for four (4) projects in Kabayan and is targeting a total of 50 MW in renewable energy projects in the next ten (10) years to help stabilize long-term electricity rates.
- **Fleet Modernization:** By 2027, BENEKO plans to transition its operational fleet to electric vehicles (EVs), supported by dedicated charging depots.

A Triple “A” Legacy

As of 2025, BENEKO has secured a new 25-year franchise, extending its service operations through 2053. Over the years, BENEKO continues to demonstrate that a service-oriented mission, combined with technological innovation and resilience, can power Baguio City and Benguet Province into a sustainable future. This is evidenced by its consistent Triple “A” rating from NEA over the years and the numerous awards and commendations it has received from NEA, PHILRECA, CDA, LGUs and other agencies.

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MANILA



I extend my warmest greetings to the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) as you hold your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA).

Since 1973, BENECO has powered the steady advancement of Baguio City and the Province of Benguet by delivering dependable electricity. In a highland environment where agriculture, commerce, tourism, education, and public services rely on efficient energy distribution, your efforts have kept communities linked to opportunity and progress. Cooperatives like yours ensure that development reaches households, businesses stay productive, and real benefits are felt in our people's everyday lives.

May this forum serve as a platform to rigorously assess your performance and innovate, refine strategies, and reinforce both governance and operations. I call on BENECO's leadership, workforce, and stakeholders to use this occasion to safeguard the cooperative's integrity and keep it on a forward path.

Rest assured that this administration remains committed to working with electric cooperatives to strengthen local economies, boost regional productivity, and build a more prosperous Bagong Pilipinas.

I wish you an enlightening and successful gathering.

(Sgd.)

FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.
President
Republic of the Philippines



NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
ANTONIO MARIANO C. ALMEDA
Administrator



The National Electrification Administration joins the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) as it convenes for its 45th Annual General Membership Assembly!

I commend BENECO for its strong commitment and consistent performance. While your journey has not been without challenges, your ability to rise above them reflects the strength and resilience of your cooperative.

On this note, NEA expresses its sincere appreciation to the entire BENECO team. Your dedication continues to play a vital role in advancing socio-economic progress within the Province of Benguet.

As you come together today, I encourage you to reflect on BENECO's vital role in shaping the future of its communities. While it is fitting to celebrate your accomplishments, it is equally important to sustain the momentum of your work. Embrace new approaches and foster innovation. Through continuous improvement and organizational development, you will be better equipped to respond to the evolving needs of your Member-Consumers-Owners.

May you continue to uphold a service anchored on the welfare of your consumers and guided by transparency in your operations. As always, NEA remains committed to supporting BENECO as it strives forward.

Maraming salamat at mabuhay!

(Sgd.)

ANTONIO MARIANO C. ALMEDA
Administrator



ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
FRANCIS SATURNINO C. JUAN
Chairperson and CEO



On behalf of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), I extend my warmest congratulations to Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENECO) on its 45th Annual General Membership Assembly.

For more than four decades, BENECO has stood as a vital partner in advancing reliable and responsive electric service in Benguet and Baguio City. This year's theme, “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future

Brighter,” reflects a clear and forward-looking vision—one that calls for strengthened institutional integrity, innovation in service delivery, and a firm commitment to consumer welfare.

BENECO can further enhance its current efforts by reinforcing good governance practices, ensuring timely and comprehensive regulatory compliance, and sustaining transparent engagement with its member-consumer-owners. As a key driver of rural electrification and inclusive development, it plays a crucial role in powering communities, enabling local industries, and improving the quality of life in its service areas. Strengthening system planning, investing in resilient infrastructure, and adopting data-driven operations will help ensure reliable service, especially amid extreme weather events and evolving geopolitical challenges. Given that a significant portion of its supply is sourced from the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM), strategic contracting, diversification of energy sources, and prudent load management remain essential to mitigating price volatility and maintaining affordable rates.

At the same time, BENECO is well-positioned to expand consumer-centered programs. By effectively implementing the Uniform National Lifeline Subsidy and Rate, it can provide financial relief to low-income households. The rollout of Advanced Metering Infrastructure will empower consumers through accurate billing and better energy management, while the strengthened Magna Carta for Residential Electricity Consumers reinforces fairness, transparency, and accountability in service delivery. Expanding renewable energy initiatives, exploring energy storage solutions, and promoting net-metering will further diversify the energy mix and enable greater consumer participation in the clean energy transition.

For its part, the ERC remains committed to building a future-ready, people-centered Commission—one that upholds transparency, strengthens consumer protection, modernizes regulatory processes, and fosters a competitive and investor-friendly power sector. Together with BENECO, we will continue to advance a regulatory environment that powers progress, ensures accountability, and delivers reliable, sustainable, and affordable electricity for all.

(Sgd.)

FRANCIS SATURNINO C. JUAN
Chairperson and CEO



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HON. PRESLEY C. DE JESUS
Representative, PhilRECA Party-list



Brightest greetings to the Warriors of Light and Member-Consumer-Owners from the Benguet Electric Cooperative!

I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings to the BENECO Management as you celebrate your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly. To General Manager Engr. Melchor S. Licoben, Board Chairman Engr. Claudio I. Calugan, the rest of the Board of Directors, dedicated employees and most especially the MCOs of BENECO, I congratulate you for another year providing reliable and affordable electricity that continues to uplift and strengthen the local communities across Benguet. Brightest greetings to the Warriors of Light and Member-Consumer-Owners from the Benguet Electric Cooperative!

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For more than four decades, BENECO has been a vital partner in nation-building. The electricity you provide is more than just a utility — it is a catalyst for progress. It powers schools where young minds are shaped, energizes businesses that sustain livelihoods, and lights homes where families dream of a better future. These achievements are made possible through the collective efforts of your leadership, the unwavering support of your member-consumer-owners, and the commitment of every employee who works tirelessly to keep the lights on.

Allow me also to express my sincerest gratitude to the BENECO Family for the trust and strong support you have extended to PhilRECA Partylist. Your confidence inspires us to work even harder to protect, strengthen, and promote the welfare of electric cooperatives and the millions of Filipino households we serve.

Together, let us continue to build a future where rural electrification does not only bring power to homes, but also hope, opportunity and growth to every community.

Power On, BENECO!

HON. PRESLEY C. DE JESUS
Representative, PhilRECA Party-list



Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc.

JOSE RAUL A. SANIEL
President - PHILRECA



Mabuhay!

I would like to express my warmest congratulations to Benguet Electric Cooperative for spearheading your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly with the theme “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter.”

This assembly embodies the fundamental values that define our national movement as an electric cooperative.

Our main responsibility may be to provide power to the people we serve, but our goals are much more profound. Electric cooperatives like BENECO serve as catalysts for meaningful transformation, especially in the nation's most isolated and underdeveloped regions, through programs in education, livelihood development, disaster response, and active grassroots involvement.

For over four decades, BENECO has consistently delivered reliable service while adapting to the evolving energy sector and promoting sustainability and community development. The cooperative's success has been driven by the collective efforts of its leadership, employees, and empowered Member-Consumer-Owners, whose dedication has strengthened both performance and purpose. Through its commitment to efficiency and service excellence, BENECO remains a vital contributor to the region's development and resilience.

In light of these accomplishments, it is fitting to recognize the individuals whose leadership and dedication have sustained this progress. I acknowledge the steadfast leadership of the Board of Directors, under Chairman Engr. Claudio I. Calugan, and the management team led by General Manager Mr. Melchor S. Licoben.

Despite the challenges of the past year, they have demonstrated unwavering commitment to the cooperative's mission and to advancing the shared goal of sustainable rural electrification. I also extend my appreciation to the Member-Consumer-Owners, whose continued trust and support form the foundation of this enduring endeavor.

Building on these efforts, the cooperative continues to pursue innovative energy solutions and strategic initiatives that enhance service reliability, expand renewable energy adoption, and address the evolving needs of its member-consumers. May this celebration inspire us to lead with integrity, act with innovation, and pursue our goals with courage as we strengthen the cooperative that is resilient today and prepared for future challenges and opportunities.

Let us remain steadfast in our commitment to unity, service, and innovation. May this gathering renew our dedication to our mission and reinforce our shared vision of a future where no Filipino is left behind in the pursuit of development and progress. **United We Stand, We Stand United**

(Sgd.)

JOSE RAUL A. SANIEL
President - PHILRECA



Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc.

ATTY. JANEENE DEPAY-COLINGAN
PHILRECA
Executive Director/General Manager



As Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) marks its 45th Annual General Membership Assembly, I extend my sincere congratulations to the entire BENECO family on this significant milestone. Anchored on the theme “*BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter,*” this year’s gathering reflects not only a celebration of accomplishments but also a reaffirmation of your shared responsibility to lead with integrity, serve with excellence, and move forward with purpose.

Serving the unique and dynamic communities of Baguio City and the Province of Benguet, BENECO has long demonstrated that reliable and responsive electric service is essential to sustaining growth in both urban and highland areas. Your continued efforts to adapt to evolving demands while maintaining operational discipline reflect a deep commitment to your Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs).

Our unified theme this year reflects a clear direction – strong and accountable governance, efficient and innovative service, and a future that offers stability for all. In a rapidly changing energy landscape, your focus on innovation, system improvement, and consumer engagement ensures that no community will be left behind.

BENECO’s accomplishments for the year stand as a testament to what can be achieved through unity, professionalism, and genuine concern for the welfare of your MCOs. *Sa bawat proyektong inyong nailunsad, higit ninyong pinagtibay ang tiwala ng inyong mga MCO at ang mahalagang papel ng kooperatiba sa pag-unlad ng bansa.*

On behalf of PHILRECA, I commend your Board of Directors, management, and workforce for your steadfast leadership and dedication. Rest assured that we remain your partner in advancing policies and programs that will further strengthen electric cooperatives across the country.

Nawa’y ipagpatuloy ninyo ang pagbibigay-liwanag hindi lamang sa mga tahanan kundi pati sa pag-asa at kinabukasan ng inyong mga komunidad. Mabuhay ang BENECO! Mabuhay ang bawat Member-Consumer-Owner!

(Sgd.)

ATTY. JANEENE DEPAY-COLINGAN
PHILRECA
Executive Director/General Manager



COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

DR. FELICIDAD R. CENON
Acting Regional Director, CDA-CAR



Warm greetings to all member-consumer, officers, management staff, and stakeholders of the Benguet Electric Cooperative!

In line with the theme of your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly, “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter,” we commend the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) for its unwavering commitment to cooperative excellence and its steadfast dedication to public service.

Over the decades, BENECO has demonstrated remarkable progress in strengthening its governance systems – firmly anchored on transparency, accountability, and adherence to cooperative principles. These efforts reflect a clear understanding that strong governance is the foundation of a resilient, credible, and member-driven organization. Equally commendable are BENECO's initiatives toward smarter and more efficient service delivery. By embracing innovation, enhancing operational efficiency, and consistently prioritizing the welfare of its member-consumer, BENECO continues to set a benchmark for responsive and forward-looking electric cooperatives not only within the region but across the country.

Guided by its cooperative vision and the evolving demands of the energy sector, BENECO has sustained its commitment to excellence, accountability, and innovation. Its strengthened governance frameworks embody a culture of integrity and participatory leadership, while the adoption of modern technologies and systems has significantly improved the quality, reliability, and accessibility of its services.

As we look ahead, the Cooperative Development Authority remains a steadfast partner in empowering cooperatives like BENECO to sustain growth, respond effectively to emerging challenges, and contribute meaningfully to inclusive and sustainable development. May this Annual General Membership Assembly serve not only as a celebration of milestones achieved, but also as a reaffirmation of BENECO's vital role in energizing progress and improving the quality of life of its member-consumer.

On behalf of the Cooperative Development Authority, I extend our warmest congratulations to the Board of Directors, officers, management staff and member-consumers of BENECO for years of exemplary performance. We look forward to your continued leadership in advancing the cooperative movement and in shaping a future that is indeed stronger, smarter, and brighter for all.

DR. FELICIDAD R. CENON
Acting Regional Director, CDA-CAR



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN

Congressman,
Lone District of Baguio City



To the Officers, Board of Directors, Management, and Member-Consumers of the Benguet Electric Cooperative:

My warmest congratulations on the occasion of your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly.

For over half a century, BENECO has been a steadfast pillar of progress in Baguio City and throughout the province of Benguet. In a region where geography itself

presents formidable challenges, you have consistently delivered reliable and efficient service—bringing light across mountains, sustaining livelihoods, and empowering communities. Your distinction as one of the best-performing electric cooperatives in the Philippines, and your recognition as a model cooperative in the Cordillera region, are clear affirmations of your excellence in governance, innovation, and commitment to public service.

At a time when our nation continues to face an evolving energy landscape, the role of institutions like BENECO is more critical than ever. You are not merely providers of electricity, but partners in nation-building—ensuring stability, enabling economic growth, and advancing sustainable and inclusive development. Indeed, your legacy reminds us that true power is measured not in megawatts alone, but in the lives uplifted, the communities strengthened, and the futures made possible.

As your representative in Congress, I reaffirm my full support for policies that strengthen electric cooperatives, promote affordable and dependable power, and secure a resilient energy future for all Filipinos.

“The price of greatness is responsibility.” – Winston Churchill

BENECO has embraced this responsibility with honor and distinction. May you continue to lead with vision, integrity, and unwavering dedication to the people you serve. May your commitment to excellence continue to shine—more power to all of you!

With highest esteem and commitment,

(Sgd.)

HON. MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN

Congressman,
Lone District of Baguio City



CITY GOVERNMENT OF BAGUIO
BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG
Public Servant



On behalf of the Baguio City government, our warm greetings to the officers, personnel, and Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs) of the Benguet Electric Cooperative as you convene for your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA). Congratulations too on the release of your 2025 Annual Accomplishment Report—proof of your good organization's unwavering commitment to service, transparency, and accountability to your MCOs.

Guided by your theme for this year, “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter”—you continue to demonstrate that effective governance and responsive service are the foundations of a resilient and forward-looking electric cooperative. Your efforts to strengthen institutional systems, adopt smarter technologies, and improve service delivery are crucial in meeting the growing demands of our communities.

Reliable and efficient power is a vital driver of progress. It sustains our homes, energizes our businesses, supports our schools, and strengthens the backbone of local development. The role of BENECO, especially in Baguio where innovation, tourism, and education converge, is indispensable in ensuring that opportunities continue to grow and that services remain uninterrupted and dependable.

We recognize your continued initiatives toward modernization, system improvements, and consumer engagement. Equally important is your commitment to empowering the MCOs by giving them a voice in governance and ensuring that their interests remain at the forefront of your operations. This spirit of participation and shared responsibility reflects the true essence of a cooperative.

The City Government of Baguio remains a steadfast partner in advancing initiatives that promote reliable energy, environmental responsibility, and inclusive growth.

May this year's AGMA, happening on the four weekends of June 2026, serve not only as a venue to report accomplishments and address concerns, but also as an opportunity to strengthen unity, build trust, and reaffirm your vision for better service delivery. Congratulations once again, and may you continue to light the way toward progress for all.

Salamat at mabuhay po ang BENECO.

(Sgd.)

BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG
Public Servant



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. ERIC G. YAP
Congressman
Benguet Lone District



To BENECO Management, Officers, and Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs), Magandang araw po sa inyong lahat.

I extend my warmest greetings to the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) as you convene your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly and present your Annual Accomplishment Report for 2025. This occasion is not only a reflection of your achievements but also evidence of your firm commitment to serve the people of Baguio, Benguet, and nearby provinces.

The theme, “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter,” truly captures the direction that our electric cooperatives must take. Anchored on transparency, efficiency, and innovation. Sa panahon ngayon, napakahalaga ng maayos at maaasahang serbisyo ng kuryente, lalo na sa patuloy na pag-unlad ng ating mga komunidad.

I commend BENECO for its continuous efforts in strengthening governance and improving service delivery. Ang inyong dedikasyon sa pagbibigay ng de-kalidad at abot-kayang kuryente ay malaking tulong sa ating mga kababayan, mula sa mga kabahayan hanggang sa mga negosyo at mga institusyon.

Bilang lingkod-bayan, nananatili ang aking buong suporta sa mga programa at inisyatiba na magpapalakas sa sektor ng enerhiya, lalo na sa ating mga electric cooperatives. Sama-sama nating itaguyod ang isang mas malinaw at mas progresibong kinabukasan para sa Benguet at sa buong bansa.

Maraming salamat sa inyong patuloy na serbisyo at malasakit. Mabuhay ang BENECO at ang bawat MCO!

(Sgd.)

HON. ERIC G. YAP
Congressman
Benguet Lone District



PROVINCE OF BENGUET
MELCHOR D. DICLAS, M.D.
Provincial Governor



The Provincial Government of Benguet extends its warmest congratulations to the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) on the conduct of its 45th Annual General Membership Assembly and the presentation of its Annual Accomplishment Report for 2025.

Reliable and sustainable energy remains a vital pillar of development in our communities. Through the years, BENECO has continued to play a crucial role in

ensuring that electricity services reach households, businesses, and institutions across Benguet and neighboring areas. Your commitment to strengthening governance, improving service delivery, and embracing innovation reflects the shared vision of building resilient and progressive communities.

The theme, “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter,” resonates strongly with our collective goal of providing efficient and responsive public service to our people. As our province continues to pursue inclusive growth under the HEALTHIER Benguet Agenda, partnerships with institutions such as BENECO remain essential in supporting economic activities, social services, and the overall well-being of our constituents.

On behalf of the Provincial Government of Benguet, I commend the leadership, staff, and member-consumer-owners of BENECO for their dedication and hard work in sustaining quality electricity services. May this Annual General Membership Assembly serve not only as a reflection of accomplishments but also as an inspiration to further strengthen cooperation and innovation in the years ahead.

Let us continue working together to power communities, drive development, and ensure a brighter future for the people we serve.

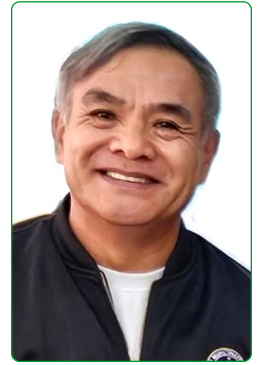
Congratulations and my best wishes for the continued success of BENECO.

(Sgd.)

MELCHOR D. DICLAS, M.D.
Provincial Governor



MUNICIPALITY OF ATOK
FRANKLIN SMITH
Municipal Mayor



Warm greetings from the municipality of Atok, Benguet on the 45th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) of our Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO).

I extend my warmest congratulations to the entire BENECO community—its Board of Directors, management, dedicated employees, and most especially, the Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs), firstly, for successfully endeavoring and was granted a renewed franchise through RA No. 12303 and secondly, for hurdling 2025 with

resilience, progress, and service. Reaching this 45th AGMA is a testament to our unwavering commitment to cooperative principles and to empowering communities through reliable and responsive electric service.

This year's theme, “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter,” reflects a strong and faithful commitment to a responsive administration of our cooperative. Strong governance translates to transparency and accountability, smarter service embraces innovation and efficiency. With both, a brighter future is ensured for all.

However, we are faced today with a seemingly insurmountable and significant global challenge. The ongoing conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran has contributed to a surge in fuel costs worldwide ultimately resulting to a spike in power cost borne by us - consumers. These external pressures remind us that while we operate locally, we are not insulated from global realities.

In the face of these challenges, unity becomes our greatest strength. I encourage all stakeholders—leaders, employees, and member-consumer-owners—to work together with renewed solidarity. Let us strengthen collaboration, promote energy efficiency, and support initiatives that will cushion the impact of rising costs on our communities. Relatively, may I humbly report that in Atok, Benguet your mayor issued Executive Order No. 16 – 2026: Order Implementing Energy Conservation Protocols in the Municipality of Atok, Benguet Mandated Under Memorandum Circular No. 114 of the Office of the President.

May this 45th AGMA serve not only as a platform for reporting accomplishments but also as a catalyst for deeper cooperation, innovative solutions, and stronger partnerships moving forward.

Congratulations once again to BENECO, and may you continue to power lives with integrity, excellence, and purpose.

Thank you, and Mabuhay!

FRANKLIN SMITH
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF BAKUN
FAUSTO T. LABINIO
Municipal Mayor



Greetings to the Board of Directors, management, and the Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs) of the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) on your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly.

As we look back on the accomplishments of 2025, please know that the Municipality of Bakun stands with you. This assembly is a testament to BENECO's transparency and its unwavering commitment to providing reliable power to the highlands. We look forward to a future where our partnership grows even stronger, ensuring that every household in our mountains enjoys the benefits of smarter, more dependable service.

The theme, “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter,” resonates deeply with our goals in Bakun. As we strive for local progress, we recognize that stable and efficient energy is crucial to our economy and a primary driver of our citizens' quality of life. Energy is the lifeblood of our municipality's development, and we thank BENECO for remaining a steadfast partner in growth.

Your resilience in the face of challenges inspires us to be equally dedicated in our service to the public.

May this 45th Assembly be a time of celebration and a renewal of the “power” of a community working together for the common good.

(Sgd.)

FAUSTO T. LABINIO
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF BOKOD
ERIK DONN IGNACIO
Municipal Mayor



On behalf of the officials, employees of the Municipal Government of Bokod and our constituents, I would like to greet the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) on its annual general assembly.

Over the years, BENECO as the distributor of electricity in Benguet has established itself as an integral part of our community. Electricity has now become an indispensable part of our development and community life and so is BENECO. It is no longer a mere utility provider but an institution and a partner in community development.

We look forward to more years of stronger partnership!

ERIK DONN IGNACIO
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF BUGUIAS

JULIUS M. AMOS
Municipal Mayor



Cagam-is ay agew BENEKO!

Warm greetings to the officers, Board of Directors, management, and members of the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENEKO) as you celebrate your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly.

On behalf of the Municipality of Buguias, I extend my sincere congratulations to BENEKO for another year of remarkable accomplishments in delivering reliable and efficient electric services to the people of Benguet. Your dedication and commitment have greatly contributed to the growth of our communities, the progress of our local economy, and the improvement of the quality of life of our constituents.

This year's theme, "BENEKO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter," clearly reflects the direction that the cooperative continues to pursue. Governance Stronger highlights the importance of transparency, accountability, and unity among the leadership and members of the cooperative. It reminds us that strong leadership builds trust and ensures that every decision made truly benefits the community. Service Smarter emphasizes the need to continuously improve the way services are delivered—through innovation, efficiency, and responsiveness to the needs of consumers, especially in far-flung and developing areas. Meanwhile, Future Brighter represents hope and progress, where reliable electricity becomes a foundation for sustainable development, stronger local enterprises, improved education, and better opportunities for every family.

The Municipality of Buguias remains deeply grateful for the continued partnership and unwavering support of BENEKO in providing dependable and accessible electricity, especially in our remote and developing barangays.

Reliable power is more than just a basic service—it is a driving force that enables our farmers to improve productivity, allows small businesses to grow, supports the delivery of essential government services, and helps provide better learning opportunities for our students. Through your commitment, many communities that were once difficult to reach are now empowered to move forward with confidence and hope. Your efforts truly play a vital role in uplifting the lives of our people, strengthening local enterprises, and helping us build a more progressive, inclusive, and resilient Municipality of Buguias.

May this Annual General Membership Assembly further strengthen the unity among your members and inspire even greater achievements in the years ahead. Rest assured that the Local Government Unit of Buguias will continue to support programs and initiatives that promote better service and a brighter future for all.

Congratulations once again, and may BENEKO continue to shine as a strong partner in development.

(Sgd.)

JULIUS M. AMOS
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON
BERNARD S. WACLIN
Municipal Mayor



The conduct of Annual General Membership assembly is one way of upholding transparency and accountability at BENECO and at the same time, serving as forum for MCOs to take part in the deliberation of important issues and to participate in decision-making.

This year's AGMA may not be the same as the previous ones in the light of the crisis that the international community is facing these days. Aside from the matters lined up for discussion, may this event serve as a forum to solicit every MCO's contribution to cushion the adverse impacts of the oil crisis and climate change as well. We know very well that these events endanger the energy sector and corollary, have negative consequential effects on people most especially the poor and marginalized. Power outages hamper normal operations in all sectors resulting in disruption of service delivery, loss of income, economic decline and others. The national and local governments are adopting energy conservation strategies to lessen the impact of the oil crisis yet; it is my humble belief that we could do more if every member-consumer-owner would participate in this undertaking.

As the sole distribution utility in the entire province, our people are all eyes at BENECO, awaiting for their electric bills with fingers crossed, praying that the cost of their monthly consumption per kilowatt-hour did not increase in the same manner as the price of fuel did. Such an increase may be inevitable given the current situation. Nonetheless, we strongly believe that BENECO has the adaptive capability to ensure continuous delivery of safe, reliable and accessible electricity to all its member-consumer-owners, complementing government efforts to deliver services and facilities to our constituents and elevating the economic status of the municipality.

Amid the difficult challenges, may BENECO continue to provide quality services to its subjects with the blessings and guidance of our God Almighty.

(Sgd.)
BERNARD S. WACLIN
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF KABAYAN

Rex Alwin G. Aquisan
Municipal Mayor



As BENECO marks its 45th Annual General Membership Assembly, we celebrate not only the cooperative's longevity but also its unwavering commitment to service and progress. This year's theme, "BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter," perfectly reflects the cooperative's journey of resilience, innovation, and dedication to its member-consumers.

The cooperative's accomplishments are a testament to BENECO's strong governance—anchored on transparency and accountability—its smarter service through innovation and efficiency, and its vision of a brighter future for the communities it serves. Each milestone achieved is a shared victory, bringing light and opportunity to households, schools, and enterprises across the Province of Benguet.

On behalf of the Municipality of Kabayan, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to BENECO for its 45 years of service and for the remarkable achievements. May this inspire us all to continue working together in building a cooperative that remains a beacon of empowerment and progress.

Mabuhay ang BENECO!

Mabuhay ang kooperatibismo!

Rex Alwin G. Aquisan
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF KAPANGAN

HARRIS M. DIZON
Municipal Mayor



On behalf of the Municipality of Kapangan, I extend my warmest congratulations and heartfelt commendation to the officers, management, and entire membership of the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) on the successful preparation of your Annual Accomplishment Report.

BENECO's unwavering dedication, tireless efforts, and professionalism continue to play a vital role in advancing sustainable development and improving the quality of life of our communities.

Your commitment to reliable service delivery, sound governance, and continuous improvement reflects not only institutional excellence but also genuine public service rooted in responsibility and accountability.

The theme, "BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter," truly resonates with the cooperative's steadfast pursuit of innovation, efficiency, and resilience. Through challenges and changing times, BENECO has consistently demonstrated excellence, teamwork, and perseverance, qualities that inspire confidence and trust among member-consumer-owners and partner local government units alike.

I commend the leadership and workforce of BENECO for their hard work, sacrifices, and dedication in ensuring dependable electric service while upholding transparency and cooperative values. Your accomplishments are a testament to what can be achieved through unity, integrity, and shared purpose.

May this Annual Accomplishment Report serve not only as a record of achievements but also as motivation for continued progress and service excellence. Rest assured of the Municipality of Kapangan's continued support as we work together toward inclusive development and a brighter future for our people.

Congratulations, and may BENECO continue to succeed in its mission of empowering communities and fostering sustainable growth.

HARRIS M. DIZON
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF KIBUNGAN
AGUSTIN “LARRY” J. TELLO
Municipal Mayor



On behalf of my *kakailiyan* in Kibungan, we celebrate with you on your 45th Annual General Assembly.

BENECO has been an integral part of the development of Benguet, and with that, I wholeheartedly extend my congratulations to the people behind the success of this corporation. Your unwavering dedication, hard work, and commitment to service have significantly contributed to the progress and empowerment of communities across the province.

This year's theme, “*BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter,*” stands as a powerful testament to how far the organization has come. It reflects not only the strides made in strengthening institutional governance, but also the continued pursuit of innovation and efficiency in delivering quality service to every member-customer. More importantly, it embodies a shared vision of a brighter and more sustainable future for Benguet.

As BENECO continues to evolve and rise to the challenges of a rapidly changing world, may this theme serve as both a celebration of past achievements and a guiding principle for the years ahead. With strong leadership, smarter systems, and a clearer vision for progress, there is no doubt that BENECO will continue to light the way toward inclusive growth and development for generations to come.

Matago-tago tako! Mabuhay ang BENECO!

AGUSTIN “LARRY” J. TELLO
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD
RODERICK C. AWINGAN
Municipal Mayor



Greetings!

Undisputed is the reality that the availability and distribution of electricity have become indispensable in powering up communities and local government units particularly in areas whose geographical terrains are far less desirable.

This context should be the overarching drive for this year's 45th Annual General Membership Assembly in a bid to make the people feel secure that there is always light in their homes, power for their equipment and energy to run their factories and enterprises. This is what makes an electric cooperative distinct from regular cooperatives as the vision and mission go beyond loan and credit services but instead directed towards life, property and security. We will always owe a lot to BENECO. Its struggle and survival since its inception are marked with milestones of energizing one sitio to another, battling varying generation costs from one period to another and adapting to innovations that would make the distribution smart and technology savvy.

The LGU of La Trinidad feels proud that its area of responsibility falls under the jurisdiction of BENECO. We are aware that the electric cooperative is currently pressed with external threats, such as coal prices beyond its control, regulatory submissions that court show cause orders if not hurdled, private capital lurking to vie for a franchise and member consumer owners who have found social media as a platform to magnify their gripes but less on saluting what our electric cooperative has established.

Let this annual gathering be an occasion to recognize the efforts of BENECO to empower us. As a cooperative, we all are part of its success and unmaking, though latter must be the least of our concern since we are confident its officers and men are always on guard, adept and alert.

Congratulations to BENECO. May your AGMA make the MCOs stronger and united. More power.

Thank you.

(Sgd.)

RODERICK C. AWINGAN
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF MANKAYAN
CESAR R. PASIWEN
Municipal Mayor



It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I extend my warmest greetings to the Board of Directors, management and staff, member consumer owners (MCOs) on the occasion of your 45th Annual General Membership Assembly.

With this year's inspiring theme, "BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter," may this milestone serve as a testament to your unwavering commitment to excellence, transparency, and innovation in serving your members.

The year 2025 reflects the continued commitment of Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) in providing reliable, efficient, and sustainable electric service to the people of Mankayan and the entire province of Benguet.

Despite the challenges in the energy sector, BENECO has remained steadfast in strengthening its systems, improving operations, and upholding transparency and accountability. These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication of its management, employees, board of directors, and the support of its member-consumer-owners.

I commend BENECO for its efforts in advancing innovation and sustainability, ensuring a more resilient and dependable power supply that supports the growth and development of our municipality.

Thus, the Local Government of Mankayan assures its continued support and partnership with BENECO as we work together to meet the needs of our constituents and build a stronger, more progressive community. Thank you for your continuous service and commitment.

Truly, you are the light of our life.

Mankayan Matagoan!

(Sgd.)
CESAR R. PASIWEN
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAN
ALFREDO B. DACUMOS, JR.
Municipal Mayor



Warmest greetings to the officers, Board of Directors, staff, and member-consumers of BENECO on the occasion of your 45th Annual General Assembly.

With this year's theme, "BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter," we proudly recognize your unwavering commitment to delivering reliable, efficient, and responsive service to the people. For 45 years, BENECO has remained a vital partner in driving development—powering homes, supporting businesses, and energizing the growth of our communities.

Your continued pursuit of stronger governance reflects your dedication to transparency, accountability, and public trust. At the same time, your efforts to provide smarter service demonstrate your readiness to embrace innovation and adapt to the changing needs of your member-consumers. These are essential steps toward building a future that is not only brighter, but also more sustainable and inclusive.

As we move forward, may this assembly serve as an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, strengthen collaboration, and renew your shared commitment to excellence. Rest assured that the local government stands with you as a partner in advancing progress and improving the quality of life for all.

Congratulations on this significant milestone, and may you continue to power our community with integrity, dedication, and vision.

MABUHAY!

ALFREDO B. DACUMOS, JR.
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA
CLARITA P. SAL-ONGAN
Municipal Mayor



It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) on the occasion of its 45th Annual General Membership Assembly.

I commend BENECO for its unwavering commitment to delivering reliable and efficient electric services to its member-consumer-owners. The theme, “BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter,” truly reflects the cooperative's dedication to innovation, transparency, and excellence in public service.

As a vital partner in local development, BENECO plays a crucial role in energizing communities, supporting economic growth, and improving the quality of life of our constituents. Your continuous efforts in strengthening governance and enhancing service delivery are instrumental in building a more progressive and resilient municipality.

The Municipality of Tuba remains steadfast in its support of initiatives that promote sustainable development and inclusive progress. May this year's accomplishments inspire even greater milestones in the years ahead.

Congratulations to the Board of Directors, management, and all member-consumer-owners of BENECO. May you continue to power our communities toward a brighter and more sustainable future.

Thank you, and mabuhay!

(Sgd.)

CLARITA P. SAL-ONGAN
Municipal Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF TUBLAY
ATTY. JUAN L. ESNARA
Municipal Mayor



Greetings!

On behalf of the people of the municipality of Tublay, Benguet, we extend our warmest congratulations and full support to the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) on the occasion of its 45th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA). The people of this municipality join the BENECO members and management board and staff for a meaningful conduct for this year's annual membership assembly with a theme: *“BENECO Power: Governance Stronger, Service Smarter, Future Brighter.”* Together, we remain strong, smart and confident for a brighter tomorrow.

This year's facilitation of the cooperative's annual membership assembly manifests exemplifies its commitment to excellence in energy provision, administrative accountability, and continuing innovation in meeting the growing demands of its members-consumers-owners. As a vital partner in community development, this electric cooperative plays a significant role in energizing municipalities, empowering local enterprises, and improving the overall quality of life of the people. The dedication of its management boards, officers and personnel in providing reliable and efficient electric services remains instrumental in fostering progress and sustainability in the province.

The people this municipality recognize and appreciate the efforts and dedications of the Board of Directors, management, and staff of the cooperative in exploring avenues of development, formulating policies for good governance and initiating people-oriented actions that bring lasting benefits to the communities they serve. May the cooperative through the management and staff continue to strengthen its programs and uphold its mission with integrity and dedication.

To all and sundry, congratulations and more power to the Benguet Electric Cooperative!

(Sgd.)

ATTY. JUAN L. ESNARA
Municipal Mayor



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ATTY. GEORGE M. DUMAWING JR.
Chairperson



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend my sincere gratitude for your continued trust and support as we review BENECO's performance in 2025. This report highlights our collective efforts to strengthen governance structures, promote institutional transparency, and uphold the principles that sustain our cooperative.

Member engagement and transparency remain at the forefront of our priorities. We believe that an informed and active membership is the foundation of a thriving cooperative, and we remain committed to ensuring open communication and accountability in all our undertakings.

In 2025, the Board of Directors continued to actively fulfill its mandate through regular Board and Special Board Meetings, complemented by key initiatives that strengthened both governance and operations. The organization conducted and participated in various seminars and training programs, including those on cooperative fundamentals, governance and management, credit and risk management, and updates on the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA). These initiatives enhanced the competencies of our leadership and reinforced sound management practices.

We also marked significant milestones through the successful conduct of ceremonial switch-on and energization activities across various areas in Benguet, expanding access to reliable electricity and supporting local development. Beyond internal initiatives, the Board actively engaged with partner organizations such as PHILRECA, PHADBREC, PHILFECO, NRECA. These engagements strengthened collaboration, facilitated knowledge-sharing, and contributed to the continued advancement of the electric power sector.

Our commitment to social responsibility remained strong through the implementation of various Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs. These included medical and dental missions for underserved communities, as well as environmental initiatives such as tree planting and vegetation management to ensure the reliability of power lines while promoting sustainability. We also supported community-based projects aimed at improving quality of life and fostering long-term development.

The Board likewise actively participated in the successful conduct of the 2025 Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA), reinforcing our commitment to transparency, member engagement, and inclusive discussion of key operational and strategic matters.

Looking ahead, our strategic vision is firmly anchored on pioneering initiatives in renewable energy and achieving greater self-sufficiency. These goals are vital in securing our energy future while contributing to environmental stewardship in our communities.

At the same time, we continue to strengthen our focus on resilience and risk management to better withstand external challenges. We call on all our member-consumers to actively support our initiatives as we move forward together, guided by the fundamental cooperative principles that define BENECO.

Thank you.



OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
MELCHOR S. LICOBEN
General Manager



Distinguished members of the Board of Directors, respected officials of our partner institutions, valued employees and above all our esteemed Member-Consumers Owners (MCOs), Mabuhay.

It is my privilege to present this message to the 45th Annual General Membership Assembly on behalf of the management of BENECO. This gathering is more than a statutory occasion; it is an expression of cooperative accountability, a reaffirmation of our shared purpose and an opportunity to report with transparency on our performance, our accomplishments and the responsibilities that lie ahead.

The year 2025 was marked by meaningful growth, greater operational demands and significant strategic transition. As economic activity strengthened across our franchise area and the communities we serve continued to expand, so too did the demand for reliable electric service. Our non-coincident peak demand increased to **110,037.17 kilowatts**, compared with **101,739.38 kilowatts** in 2024, while total energy sales rose to **573.28 million kilowatt-hours** from **541.75 million kilowatt-hours** the previous year. These figures reflect not only the vitality of our service area but also the growing responsibility entrusted to BENECO as an electric distribution utility and as a cooperative institution.

In financial terms, 2025 was a considerably stronger year for the cooperative. Our result of financial operation improved from **₱419,682.00** in 2024 to **₱3,339,492.00** in 2025. Liquidity indicators were likewise strengthened, with the quick ratio improving to **2.77** and the working capital ratio to **2.96**, while debt ratio improved to **0.31**. These gains signify a more stable and capable institution better positioned to meet its obligations, sustain its operations and invest responsibly in projects that will benefit our member-consumers in the years ahead.

At the same time, sound management requires candor. While our overall financial position improved, distribution sales declined by approximately **₱261.76 million**, from **₱4.72 billion** in 2024 to **₱4.46 billion** in 2025 due to the decrease in generation cost. Encouragingly, this decline was partly offset by the substantial rise in Man-asok generation sales, which increased from **₱17.64 million** to **₱90.59 million** or by about **413 percent**. This development demonstrates that BENECO is progressing toward a more diversified and resilient revenue structure, even as we remain attentive to the performance of our core distribution business.

We are also encouraged by the improvement in supply-side cost performance. The average generation cost declined from **₱6.1428 per kilowatt-hour** in 2024 to **₱5.2780 per kilowatt-hour** in 2025. This reflects the positive effects of our efforts in supply management, power procurement strategy and generation-related initiatives. While many factors ultimately shape the total cost reflected in

consumer bills, this downward movement is a constructive indication of more efficient supply management and prudent operational planning.

BENECO likewise made notable progress in infrastructure development and technical system strengthening. During the year, we energized a **50 MVA power transformer at Lamut Substation** and a **10 MVA power transformer at Bulalacao Substation**. We installed **8.716 kilometers of tree wire**, extended **4.336 kilometers of primary lines** and expanded **9.732 kilometers of secondary lines**. In addition, critical switching and protection equipment were installed and replaced in key substations. These improvements are essential to ensuring that our distribution network remains capable of meeting higher load requirements while enhancing operational reliability and service continuity.

Our metering and monitoring capabilities also advanced in 2025. The cooperative installed **6,839 kWh meters, 63 AMR meters, 250 AML meters, 22 distribution transformer monitoring systems, 3 feeder metering units, and 13 line protection devices**. These investments strengthen the accuracy of measurement, improve system visibility, and support better technical decision-making. Though these enhancements may not always be visible to the public, they form part of the critical foundation of a modern, responsive and accountable electric cooperative.

We likewise pursued improvements in consumer service and digital accessibility. The activation of the **BENECO Mo Ito** App and the **Metrobank and RCBC Online payment** facility marked important steps toward more convenient and modern service delivery. The report further shows that average bills processed increased by **22.76 percent**, while billed accounts increased by **2.95 percent**. These developments reflect our continuing effort to make service not only reliable, but also more accessible, efficient and responsive to the needs of our Member-Consumers Owners (MCOs).

In the area of power generation and supply, BENECO recorded particularly important gains. The **3.24 MW Man-asok** facility exceeded its annual generation target by **3,410,319.63 kilowatt-hours**, and the cooperative further strengthened its power supply position through short-term and long-term arrangements, as well as progress in other generation-related projects. These measures are strategically important because they support supply security, revenue diversification and the long-term sustainability of the cooperative.

Equally significant was the progress achieved in securing the institutional and supply foundations of BENECO's future operations. In September 2025, Congress approved BENECO's legislative franchise, later enacted as **Republic Act No. 12303** on **12 September 2025**, granting the cooperative a new **25-year franchise** that shall commence upon the expiration of its existing NEA-NEC issued franchise in **March 2028**. This milestone provides legal continuity and reinforces the long-term stability of BENECO's mandate to serve its franchise area. In the same period, BENECO also completed the **NEA-LECA Competitive Selection Process**, through which the cooperative secured additional power supply of **36.5 MW from Therma Luzon, Inc. (TLI) and 36.5 MW from Masinloc Power Co. Ltd. (MPCL)**. These achievements strengthen both the legal standing and supply adequacy of the cooperative thereby advancing the long-term interests of our member-consumers owners.

Yet amid these gains, we must also acknowledge the areas where performance fell short of our aspirations. Reliability remains one of the most important measures by which our MCOs assess us. In 2025 our reliability indicators weakened.

SAIFI increased from **10.76 to 11.23**, while **SAIDI** rose from **24.65 hours to 30.54 hours**. Feeder loss also increased from **7.76 percent to 8.63 percent**, although it remained within the standards of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) and the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC). These outcomes remind us that system growth and financial improvement must be matched by stronger operational resilience, disciplined technical management and sustained attention to service quality.

A major contributing factor to these challenges was the severe impact of weather disturbances. Last year BENECO undertook restoration activities for several major typhoons with total reported damage amounting to **₱41.41 million**. Typhoon Uwan alone caused extensive destruction, including damage involving **307 poles and 34 distribution transformers**. To our MCOs who endured service disruptions during these events, we extend our sincere understanding and assurance that system hardening, restoration readiness and disaster resilience remain among our highest operational priorities.

Institutionally, BENECO continued to uphold its responsibilities as a cooperative under the standards of the National Electrification Administration and the principles of the Cooperative Code. The cooperative reported complete compliance in financial, institutional, technical, energization and reportorial requirements. AGMA participation reached **5.57 percent**, exceeding the stated **5 percent** standard. These accomplishments underscore the importance of governance, accountability and democratic participation in cooperative life, and they remind us that BENECO's strength rests not only on its infrastructure and finances, but also on the active engagement of its Member-Consumers Owners.

Fellow MCOs, the overall story of 2025 is one of progress achieved amid difficult challenges. We served a growing load, improved our financial capacity, expanded and upgraded our system, modernized aspects of consumer service, strengthened our generation position, and secured important long-term gains in both franchise continuity and future power supply. At the same time, we recognize that there remains substantial work to be done particularly in reliability, system loss management, storm resilience and the recovery of distribution sales performance. These are matters we take seriously. They are central to our duty to you, the owners and beneficiaries of this cooperative.

As your General Manager, I reaffirm management's commitment to pursue these priorities with discipline, transparency and a clear sense of public responsibility. We shall continue to innovate and strengthen infrastructure, improve operating efficiency, support prudent financial management, expand service modernization and ensure that the progress of BENECO is translated into more dependable and meaningful service for every Member- Consumer Owners. Our mission remains clear: to provide Clean, Affordable, Reliable, Efficient, Safe and Consumer-centered electric service in a manner worthy of the trust placed in this institution.

Allow me, finally to express my sincere gratitude to our Board of Directors for their policy guidance, to our officers and employees for their dedication and hard work, to our partners and stakeholders for their cooperation and most especially to our MCOs for your continued trust, patience, and support. Whatever we have accomplished in 2025, we have accomplished together. Whatever challenges lie ahead, we shall face them with the same unity of purpose, institutional integrity and cooperative spirit.

Maraming Salamat and may BENECO continue to move forward with strength, accountability, and steadfast service to all its member-consumers. God bless everyone.

The Board of Directors (BOD) of an electric cooperative serves as the policy-making and governing body, responsible for setting the strategic direction of the cooperative and ensuring that its operations remain aligned with its mandate of delivering reliable, affordable, and sustainable electric service to its member-consumers.

In the context of an electric cooperative, the BOD exercises oversight over management, approves key policies, plans and programs ensures financial viability and safeguards institutional integrity. It is also tasked with balancing operational efficiency with member-consumer welfare, ensuring that decisions are both economically sound and socially responsive.

Consistent with directives of the National Electrification Administration (NEA), the BOD ensures compliance with governance standards, performance targets and regulatory requirements prescribed for electric cooperatives. This includes the approval of strategic and operational plans, monitoring of key performance indicators, adoption of institutional policies and ensuring that management actions are aligned with NEA guidelines and issuances.

In line with these responsibilities, the BOD of BENECO approved various resolutions and policies to support the cooperative's operations, ensuring that BENECO remains financially sound, technically reliable and operationally efficient in delivering quality service to its member-consumer-owners.

To keep pace with the dynamic and increasingly complex power industry, the BOD approved a total of 178 Board Resolutions as follows:

	Main Topic	Quantity
1	POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT / COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS	22
2	FINANCIAL MATTERS	28
3	RENEWABLE ENERGY MATTERS	2
4	BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS / PROCUREMENT	19
5	BENECO POLICIES / PROCEDURES / PROGRAMS	16
6	DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN / LOCAL TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION ROADMAP / SITIO ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM / BARANGAY LINE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM	4
7	COMPLIANCE	2
8	LEGAL MATTERS	24
8	CALAMITY SUBSIDY	7
10	MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMATION	11
11	ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY / SHARE CAPITAL / COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY-RELATED MATTERS	6
12	CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS	5
13	HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS	9
14	OTHERS	23
TOTAL		178

We are pleased to report to the member-consumer-owners of BENECO the highlights of the accomplishment of BENECO for 2025.

I. Affordable Electricity Rates for Consumers

With the expiration of the power supply contract between BENECO and TPEC in March 2024, BENECO undertook measures to secure alternative power supply agreements to ensure continuous availability of electricity while strategically pursuing options to achieve the most competitive rates for its consumers.

Subsequently, the Competitive Selection Process (CSP) administered by the National Electrification Administration (NEA) which covered 18 electric cooperatives including BENECO, was concluded in February 2025. The corresponding Power Supply Agreements (PSAs) with the winning bidders were formally executed on February 3, 2025. The term of the PSA is 14 years and 10 months commencing on the start of supply by the winning power suppliers.

In March 2025, pending approval of the PSAs by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), BENECO secured a short-term emergency power supply agreement with GNPowr Dinginin (GNPD) to cover its baseload requirement with a contract capacity of 73 MW.

On June 26, 2025, one of the CSP-winning suppliers, Therma Luzon, Inc. commenced delivery to BENECO at a capacity of 36.5 MW. In light of this additional supply and favorable pricing conditions in the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM), BENECO pre-terminated its emergency supply agreement and optimized its power procurement through strategic participation in the WESM.

The generation costs applied in 2024 and 2025 are tabulated as follows:

Month	2024	2025	Change	
January	5.7293	6.2199	0.4906	8.56%
February	5.7158	5.8845	0.1687	2.95%
March	5.7295	5.5498	(0.1797)	(3.14%)
April	5.7708	6.2248	0.454	7.87%
May	6.046	6.0227	(0.0233)	(0.39%)
June	6.8246	5.673	(1.1516)	(16.87%)
July	5.9421	5.8818	(0.0603)	(1.01%)
August	6.7429	5.3439	(1.3990)	(20.75%)
September	6.3192	4.2225	(2.0967)	(33.18%)
October	6.393	3.6392	(2.7538)	(43.08%)
November	6.1127	4.4088	(1.7039)	(27.87%)
December	6.3872	4.2655	(2.1217)	(33.22%)
Average	6.1428	5.278		

Based on the above figures, the generation costs 2025 have decreased by ₱0.8648/kWh on the average compared to 2024. For a consumer consuming 200 kWh monthly, the decrease in its generation cost is ₱172.96 per month.

II. Renewable Energy Initiatives for Sustainability

a. Man-asok Hydroelectric Power Plant (HEPP)

The target kWh generation of the 3.240 MW Man-asok HEPP for 2025 was exceeded by 3,410,325.25 kWh due to favorable weather conditions.

b. Adaoay Hydroelectric Power Project

As BENECO is continuously pursuing initiatives to lower down the generation costs being paid by the consumers, it explores potential sites for the development of renewable energy projects.

BENECO has successfully secured a Certificate of Authority (COA) from the Department of Energy (DOE) on May 19, 2025 for the development of the river system in Adaoay, Kabayan with a potential capacity of 10 MW. This COA authorizes BENECO to explore, develop and utilize the hydropower resources within the identified area.

With the issuance of the COA, BENECO will begin undertaking activities related to securing the necessary permits and certifications, conducting preliminary FPIC activities, conducting reconnaissance and performing pre-feasibility studies as outlined in the approved work program. These initial activities are projected to conclude within two (2) years from the COA issuance date.

III. Franchise Renewal for Continuous Service

Finally, the President of the Republic of the Philippines signed Republic Act (RA) No. 12303 on September 12, 2025, granting BENECO a 25-year franchise to operate and maintain the electric distribution system in Baguio City and the Province of Benguet.

IV. Rural Electrification Projects to Power Up Communities

a. Sitio Electrification Projects and ER 1-94 Projects

As BENECO continues to strengthen its operations, it likewise remains committed to expanding its distribution system to bring reliable electricity to consumers in far-flung areas of Benguet. The cooperative has consistently pursued rural electrification initiatives to uplift underserved communities, support local development and stimulate economic activity.

To support these efforts, BENECO sought subsidy assistance from the National Government through the National Electrification Administration (NEA). In 2024, BENECO successfully secured funding amounting to ₱98,932,500.07. The first tranche, totaling ₱49,430,664.73, covers 15 sitios across the municipalities of Kabayan, Sablan, Tuba and Pangasinan. The second tranche amounts to ₱26,358,742.01 and covers six (6) sitios in Bokod, Itogon, Kabayan and Kibungan. The third tranche, amounting to ₱23,143,093.33, falls under the Barangay Line Enhancement Program (BLEP) and covers areas in Kayapa, Bakun. SEP Batch 1 and Batch 2 were successfully completed in 2025, while BENECO targets to complete its BLEP project this 2nd quarter of 2026.

SEP - Batch 1

Item	Sitio	Barangay	Municipality	HH	Project Cost	Date Completed	Date Energized
1	Takitak, Pagleto & Bolaga	Ballay	Kabayan	15	2,526,890.66	Feb 14, 2025	Jun 16, 2025
2	Batag	Banangan	Sablan	4	1,965,196.58	Dec 5, 2024	Jun 17, 2025
3	Taleb	Banangan	Sablan	4	2,232,746.16	Dec 21, 2024	Jun 17, 2025
4	Esbo	Bagong	Sablan	3	1,234,528.28	Feb 22, 2025	Jun 5, 2025
5	Sadengan, Socob & Oring	Banengbeng	Sablan	13	4,470,397.21	Dec 7, 2024	Jun 5, 2025
6	Shuntutug	Kamog	Sablan	20	3,254,577.99	Nov 30, 2024	Mar 3, 2025
7	Shagtan & Kiwet	Tabaan Sur	Tuba	25	6,843,329.89	Feb 22, 2025	Mar 14, 2025
8	Upper Sarisa & Lower Sarisa	Ansagan	Tuba	23	4,964,017.72	Feb 21, 2025	Apr 4, 2025
9	Codcodag	Ansagan	Tuba	33	4,680,442.00	Feb 21, 2025	May 12, 2025
10	Sinimbaan	Ansagan	Tuba	15	2,971,076.50	Feb 24, 2025	May 5, 2025
11	Baracbac *	Ansagan	Tuba	-	2,401,140.35	Jan 10, 2025	-
12	Lubas & Pengaw	Ansagan	Tuba	5	2,046,196.49	Feb 26, 2025	May 8, 2025
13	Lumandi	Ansagan	Tuba	7	3,865,038.25	Feb 20, 2025	May 8, 2025
14	Lilit	Ansagan	Tuba	4	3,820,224.83	Jan 31, 2025	Apr 5, 2025
15	Lakong	Dungon	Sison, Pangasinan	11	2,154,861.82	Nov 11, 2024	Mar 5, 2025
Total				182	49,430,664.73		

Item	Sitio	Barangay	Municipality	HH	Project Cost	Date Completed	Date Energized
1	Anoplis & Nadaclan	Pito	Bokod	10	2,753,988.30	Apr 17, 2025	Aug 17, 2025
2	Santa Fe	Ampucao	Itogon	-	7,290,718.58	May 10, 2025	-
3	Tangki, Simpa & Pasiday	Ampucao	Itogon	-	5,363,667.47	May 14, 2025	-
4	Badadak	Tawangan	Kabayan	15	4,086,125.93	May 5, 2025	Aug 22, 2025
5	Toy-od	Sagpat	Kibungan	14	2,916,697.66	Feb 28, 2025	Aug 16, 2025
6	Amsalugan	Madaymen	Kibungan	15	3,947,544.07	Apr 9, 2025	Aug 15, 2025
Total				54	26,358,742.01		

BLEP

Item	Sitio	Barangay	Municipality	HH	Project Cost	Status
1	Beyeng, Tagpwe & Bolinsak	Kayapa	Bakun	15	23,143,093.00	On-going implementation
Total				15	23,143,093.00	

V. Member-Consumer-Owners' Involvement for Stronger Engagement

BENECO continuously implements initiatives to engage and connect with its Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs). One of the most significant of these is the Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA), held during the first three (3) Saturdays of June. In 2025, 5.57% of BENECO's total membership participated in the AGMA, which were conducted on June 7, 14 & 21, 2025.

Other initiatives to empower MCOs include the conduct of various Information and Education Campaigns (IECs) across barangays and key sectors, pre-membership seminars for prospective members and radio programs that discuss consumer-related concerns and provide updates on developments in the power industry. The cooperative likewise sustains its ongoing efforts to update and maintain an accurate membership database.

To ensure that MCO concerns are addressed in a timely and efficient manner, BENECO maintains accessible communication channels including official social media platforms, dedicated hotlines and mobile lines that are monitored and available 24/7.

VI. Legal and Regulatory Compliance

At BENECO, we take our regulatory responsibilities seriously. We consistently meet the standards set by our regulators - including the DOE, ERC, NEA and CDA by filing all necessary reports and legal documents accurately and on time.

We are also pleased to report two key compliance milestones: the NEA has approved our Manual of Approvals (MANAP) and the CDA has issued us a Certificate of Compliance valid until April 2026.

Finally, we have successfully closed two long-standing legal matters. These cases were resolved after a series of appeals and there was nothing left for the Management to do but comply with the judgment. We fully complied with the final judgments regarding damage payments to Phesco, Inc. and business tax settlements with the local government of La Trinidad, officially putting these legacy issues to rest.

VII. KPIs - Financial, Institutional & Technical Performance

A. Financial Highlights

Report on BENECO's Financial Condition

1. Overall Asset Growth and Strategic Investments

The 2025 financial statements of BENECO reflect a stable financial position, characterized by a growth of approximately 3.37% in total assets compared to the previous year. Total assets increased from ₱4.445 billion in 2024 to ₱4.595 billion in 2025. This expansion highlights the Cooperative's continued commitment to asset growth and infrastructure development.

While non-current assets declined by 1.83% due to the release and liquidation of sitio electrification fund, BENECO continued to prioritize critical CAPEX investments in 2025. Strategic projects, such as transformer modernizations and heavy equipment procurement, remained a key focus to expand network capacity, strengthen system reliability and enhance operational efficiency.

Current assets, on the other hand rose by 16.59%. This growth was mainly attributable to the increase in cash at year-end and higher stock inventory levels. The high year-end cash balance strengthens the Cooperative's liquidity position, while the increase in inventories ensures an adequate supply of materials necessary for efficient operations and uninterrupted service.

2. Liabilities and Liquidity Position

The decline in total liabilities amounting to ₱21.11 million (1.26%) was mainly attributable to a reduction in power payables, driven by lower generation costs in the final months of 2025, coupled with the settlement of loans without new debt uptake. This development reflects both easing cost pressures and the Cooperative's commitment to maintaining a conservative debt position.

Reflecting excellent short-term financial health, BENECO closed the year with a net working capital of ₱685.48 million and an improved current ratio of 1.88. This strong liquidity buffer guarantees the Cooperative's ability to settle supplier payables, manage operational costs and maintain service continuity without over-reliance on external financing.

3. Equity and Financial Viability

Equity in 2025 rose to ₱2.94 billion. This increase was primarily driven by the Cooperative's continued commitment to the collection of share capital.

While the Cooperative continues to reflect accumulated losses, this does not indicate financial instability or operational distress. Unlike typical commercial enterprises, electric cooperatives operate on a non-profit, service-driven basis with electricity rates structured primarily to recover costs rather than generate retained earnings. Furthermore, as a capital-intensive utility, BENECO incurs substantial non-cash depreciation expenses annually from its extensive distribution infrastructure. Because these are non-cash charges, the accumulated accounting losses do not deplete the Cooperative's cash reserves.

The financial viability of electric cooperatives relies heavily on cash management. As long as cash flows remain positive and liquidity is healthy, the Cooperative remains solvent, stable and fully capable of sustaining its long-term operational commitments.

4. Operational Performance and Diversified Revenue

In 2025, BENECO's total revenue declined by ₱261.76 million. This was primarily due to lower generation costs, which was likewise reflected in the decrease in the cost of energy sold and power payables. Rather than indicating an operational downturn, this shift highlights reduced costs, ultimately benefiting consumers and supporting more stable and affordable electricity rates.

Distribution, Supply and Metering (DSM) revenues grew by 5.32%, driven by consistent demand and stable service coverage. Furthermore, the strategic integration of the 3.24 MW Man-asok Hydroelectric Power Plant (HEPP) into the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) in late 2024 yielded substantial returns in its first full year of operations. As BENECO's first generation facility, it successfully introduced a new diversified revenue stream, generating ₱90.59 million in 2025, representing a notable 413.55% increase compared to the previous year.

While the growth in DSM revenues was accompanied by an increase in operating expenses, the Cooperative's financial performance was improved by a rise in other income. This growth was primarily driven by prompt payment discounts awarded by power suppliers for the early settlement of power payables. As a result of these positive adjustments and strategic cost management, BENECO closed the year with a net income of ₱3.34 million for 2025.

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In conclusion, BENECO's financial performance in 2025 reflects a year of operational sustainability, strategic realignment and financial stability. The Cooperative maintained a solid liquidity position, lowered its debt liabilities and generated positive net earnings. The continued investment in critical CAPEX projects and the successful operation of the Man-asok HEPP underscore BENECO's commitment to infrastructure expansion and renewable energy diversification. With prudent financial management and a stable current ratio, the Cooperative remains well-positioned to meet future industry challenges and continue delivering reliable and affordable power to its member-consumers.

I. FINANCIAL POSITION

	2025	2024	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
ASSETS				
Non-current Assets	3,131,433,310	3,189,784,569	(58,351,259)	1.83%
Current Assets	1,463,506,851	1,255,255,184	208,251,667	16.59%
TOTAL ASSETS	4,594,940,161	4,445,039,753	149,900,408	3.37%
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Non-current Liabilities	873,895,404	887,807,126	(13,711,722)	1.54%
Current Liabilities	778,025,769	785,424,127	(7,398,358)	0.94%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,651,921,173	1,673,031,253	(21,110,080)	1.26%
EQUITY	2,943,018,988	2,772,008,499	171,010,489	6.17%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,594,940,161	4,445,039,753	149,900,409	3.37%

II. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

	2025	2024	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Pass Through Revenues	3,808,702,540	4,171,959,458	(363,256,918)	8.71%
Cooperative Revenues (DSM)	564,772,253	536,230,326	28,541,927	5.32%
Generation Revenue (3.24MW HEPP)	90,590,229	17,840,025	72,750,203	413.55%
TOTAL REVENUES	4,464,065,022	4,725,829,809	(261,764,788)	5.54%
Cost of Energy Sold	(3,786,064,862)	(4,179,155,276)	393,090,415	9.41%
GROSS INCOME	678,000,160	546,674,533	131,325,627	24.02%
Operating Expenses	(685,654,990)	(539,124,439)	146,530,551	27.18%
Depreciation	(143,236,426)	(135,599,231)	7,637,195	5.63%
Interest Expense	(19,420,902)	(22,917,548)	(3,496,646)	15.26%
Other Income/ Charges	173,651,649	151,386,367	22,265,282	14.71%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	3,339,492	419,682	2,919,810	695.72%

III. CASH FLOW

	2025	2024	Increase (Decrease)
Net Cash- Operating Activities	141,379,286	(52,991,022)	194,370,318
Net Cash- Investing Activities	(132,364,767)	(209,594,693)	77,229,926
Net Cash- Financing Activities	123,394,109	172,554,824	(49,160,715)
Net Cash Used	132,408,638	(90,030,891)	222,439,530
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning	447,642,072	537,672,963	(90,030,891)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending	580,050,710	447,642,072	132,408,638

Key Performance Indicators

KPI	NEA Standard	MFSR (AS OF DEC 2024)	MFSR (AS OF DEC 2025)	Remarks
Quick Ratio	1 or over	1.93	2.77	Within Standard
Working Capital Ratio	1 or over	1.58	2.96	Within Standard
Debt Ratio	less than 1	0.35	0.31	Within Standard
Results of Financial Operation (before RFSC)	Positive	Positive	Positive	Within Standard
Collection Efficiency Average Method Current to Current Method	97% and above	100.23%	98.54%	Within Standard
Payment Status (GenCo, NGCP, Financial Institutions, NEA)	Current	Current	Current Advance (NEA)	Within Standard

Other Financial Achievements

- Financial audit conducted by Delio I. Samulde and Associates, and Kishine Padios in March 2025
- Full compliance with EOPTA in collection system
- Average Bills Processed increased by 22.76%
- No. of Billed Accounts increased by 2.95%
- Completion of Permit-to-use Accounting System in collaboration with MICS
- Activation of Metrobank and RCBC Online payment
- Disposal of Non-Performing Assets

B. Institutional Highlights

- AGMA: 5.57% (exceeded 5% standard)
- Conduct of District Elections
- Conduct of MCO activities
- Full deployment of AGMA Registration System.
- Conducted 48 trainings and 333 seminars/activities.
- Completion of the Alapang Training Center
- ISO Re-certification
- Activation of the BENECO Customer App (BENECO Mo Ito App)
- Power Forum : Engagement with Big Load Consumers and Prompt Payors

Safety

Ongoing safety programs; electrocution incidents remain a priority area for mitigation.

Membership Data

DISTRICT		CATEGORY TYPE		Total Membership Per District
Name	District No.	Associate	Regular	
BAGUIO CITY	1	3,267	399	3,666
BAGUIO CITY	2	10,019	1,163	11,182
BAGUIO CITY	3	15,274	2,244	17,518
BAGUIO CITY	4	8,776	845	9,621
BAGUIO CITY	5	13,075	1,720	14,795
BAGUIO CITY	6	5,480	453	5,933
LA TRINIDAD	7	5,829	525	6,354
BOKOD	8	2,285	383	2,668
ITOGON	8	2,890	466	3,356
KABAYAN	8	7,824	1,223	9,047
SABLAN	9	11,183	1,455	12,638
TUBA	9	2,399	266	2,665
ATOK	10	3,408	446	3,854
KAPANGAN	10	2,537	327	2,864
KIBUNGAN	10	17,854	3,164	21,018
TUBLAY	10	5,596	862	6,458
BAKUN	11	2,526	307	2,833
BUGUIAS	11	7,977	1,069	9,046
MANKAYAN	11	3,433	618	4,051
Grand Total		131,632	17,935	149,567

C. Technical Highlights

Multi-year reliability statistics contextualize 2025 performance against historical data.

YEAR	SAIFI	SAIDI
2020	12.42	25.45
2021	11.04	25.19
2022	15.67	34.39
2023	15.15	37.49
2024	10.76	24.65
2025	11.23	30.54

Standards:

System Reliability (SAIFI):
max. of 20
interruptions/consumer/year

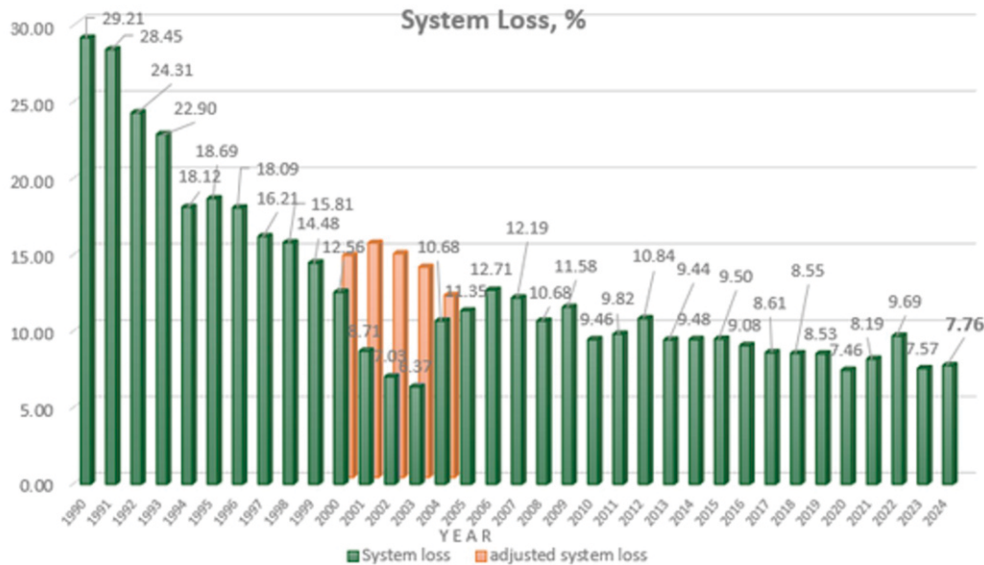
System Reliability (SAIDI):
max of 45
hours/consumer/year

Highlight: BENECO’s 2025 reliability indices are slightly higher than 2024 but remain below the maximum allowable thresholds. Nevertheless, the cooperative shall continue to pursue further improvements to reduce these indices and minimize outages within its coverage areas.

Another indicator that measures the performance of distribution utilities is the system loss.

Performance Indicator	Standard	2024	2025
System Loss	max. of 10.25% (since 2018)	7.76%	8.63%

Highlight: BENECO’s 2025 system loss remain below the maximum allowable cap but is slightly higher than 2024.



Based on historical data, BENECO’s system loss has **significantly decreased from 29.21% in 1990 to single-digit levels by 2010**. This improvement indicates that since 2010 when the ERC set the cap at 13%, BENECO consumers have benefited from lower system loss charges.

Implemented CAPEX and OPEX Projects

ITEM	ACTIVITIES	ACTUAL PROJECT COST
I. CAPEX PROJECTS		
NETWORK PROJECTS		
1	SUBSTATION AND SUBTRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	64,165,883.78
2	PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	10,052,641.64
3	SECONDARY DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	4,516,040.76
4	OTHER NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	41,559,931.41
NON-NETWORK PROJECTS		3,693,490.00
TOTAL CAPEX PROJECT COST		123,987,987.59
II. OPEX PROJECTS		
1	SUBSTATION MAINTENANCE	2,623,162.46
2	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADING	110,047,987.20
3	SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	2,780,948.02
TOTAL OPEX PROJECT COST		115,452,097.68
III. OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
TOTAL OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COST		43,198,042.56
TOTAL		282,638,127.83

Major Projects

- Energization of 50MVA transformer at Lamut Substation.
- Energization of 10MVA transformer at Bulalacao Substation.
- Installation of main circuit breaker at Atok Substation.
- Replacement of 4 feeder circuit breakers at NSC Substation.
- Installation of 8.716 kms of tree wire and 4.336 kms of primary lines.
- Installation of 9.732 kms of secondary lines.
- Installation of 6839 kWh Meters, 63 AMR kWh Meters, and 250 AMI meters

Highlight: These accomplishments reflect BENECO's commitment to improving service delivery, operational efficiency and member engagement.

Demand Overview

Demand management remained a central operational challenge in 2025. Below is the summarized Non-Coincident Peak (NCP) demand trends by month for 2024 vs 2025. These comparisons aids in distribution planning and generation nominations.

Monthly NCP Comparison (2024 vs 2025)

Month	2024 NCP (kW)	2025 NCP (kW)	Increase (kW)	Increase (%)
January	94,542.79	99,752.98	5,210.19	5.51%
February	96,751.94	102,062.54	5,310.60	5.49%
March	98,252.52	110,037.17	11,784.65	11.99%
April	101,739.38	102,418.91	679.53	0.67%
May	94,689.87	97,448.03	2,758.16	2.91%
June	92,977.39	99,499.83	6,522.44	7.02%
July	96,820.08	99,517.04	2,696.96	2.79%
August	101,132.16	102,376.36	1,244.20	1.23%
September	98,807.20	108,529.63	9,722.43	9.84%
October	99,692.86	105,171.95	5,479.09	5.50%
November	100,039.64	105,559.73	5,520.09	5.52%
December	100,998.28	107,860.97	6,862.69	6.79%
Peak (Jan–Dec)	101,739.38	110,037.17	8,297.79	8.16%

Summary

Peak month - March: The increase from March 2024 is 11,784.65 kW, which is equivalent to 11.99%. This increase was driven primarily by the Panagbenga Festival.

Off-peak month - May: For 2025, the off-peak month was recorded in May, coinciding with the onset of the wet season. The May to July period likewise remained the off-peak season, which is consistent with the consumption pattern observed in 2024.

Other Technical Data

Location	Substation Capacity		
	Qty	kV	MVA
1. North Sanitary Camp, Baguio City	2	69/23kV	50/62.5
2. Lamut Beckel, Baguio City	1	69/23kV	20/25
	1	69/23kV	50/62.5
3. Irian, Baguio City	1	69/23kV	20/25
4. Camp 30, Atok	1	69/13.2kV	5/6.25
	1	69/23kV	10/12.5
5. Bulalacao, Mankayan	1	69/13.2kV	10/12.5
6. Sinipsip, Amgaleyguey	1	69/23kV	10/12.5
Total MVA Capacity			225

NEA Lumens Awards

1. 2025 NEA Categorization “AAA”
2. ECs with Fully Liquidated Subsidy Fund
3. Consistent Green EC Award
4. High AGMA Attendance
5. Sinag Award for Free Household Electrification
6. Compact of Cooperation Award
7. Single Digit Feeder Loss Award (Cluster 2)
8. Top Performing ECs (Major Award)

Philreca Awards

1. Prompt Payor Award
2. Strong Commitment to Brotherhood Award
3. Gold Stellar Award
4. The Lumina Apex Award
5. Bright Beginning Award
6. Occupational Safety and Health Excellence Award
7. Constant Contributor Award
8. The Iron Pillar Award

Department of Energy

Plaque of Appreciation

On 2025 timely and full compliance with the reportorial requirements of the DOE.

Cooperative Development Authority - Cordillera Administrative Region

Plaque of Recognition

On illustrious achievement having attained a billionaire status accruing to better products and services for the benefit of members and community.

Department of Labor and Employment

Regional Conciliation and Mediation Branch CAR (NCMB)

Award of Recognition - September 24, 2025

Regional Winner in the 2025 Search for outstanding Labor Management Cooperation for Industrial Peace

Department of Labor and Employment

National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB)

Special Award on Corporate Viability – November 21, 2025

Impact of LMC on company’s overall performance, employee’s well-being and satisfaction, and improved industrial relations in workplace



City of Baguio

Resolution No. 077, Series of 2025

Full support to BENECO in its effort in securing a new Power Supply Agreement through a Competitive Selection Process (CSP) led by NEA, and commending the dedication in ensuring the continuity of electricity service in the City of Baguio.

City of Baguio

City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO)

Certificate of Recognition

For providing valuable assistance in firefighting operation at Maharlika Livelihood Complex Basement.

City Government of Baguio

Certificate of Commendation – October 6, 2025

In recognition of invaluable assistance in the clearing and cleaning operations at Maharlika Livelihood Center.

City Government of Baguio

Certificate of Appreciation – November 2025

In recognition of valuable participation and support in the Smart City Challenge 2025, “Where Innovation Meets the Community”

Municipality of La Trinidad

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

Resolution No. 309-2025

Commending BENECO as one of the Top-Performing Electric Cooperatives (Ecs) nationwide by NEA during the 46th NEA-EC Convergence on August 6-9, 2025.

Municipality of La Trinidad

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

Resolution No. 372-2025

Commending BENECO for its Sixth Straight ISO9001-2015 Recertification.

La Trinidad National High School

Resolution No. 1, Series of 2025

For invaluable assistance to La Trinidad National High School.

Barangay Pito, Bokod

Certificate of Appreciation – November 28, 2025

For invaluable contribution in Medical Mission at Barangay Hall, Pito, Bokod, Benguet



Independent Auditor's Report



DELIO I. SAMULDE AND ASSOCIATES
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Board of Directors and Members of
BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
No. 4 South Drive, Baguio City

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE** which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2025 and 2024 and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE** as at December 31, 2025 and 2024 and of its financial performances and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Cooperative in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Cooperative or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Cooperative's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with PSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with PSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Cooperative to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on the Supplementary Information Required Under Revenue Regulations 15-2010

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information on taxes, duties and license fees in Note 37 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as whole.

DELIO I. SAMULDE & ASSOCIATES, CPAs

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Makati City

Independent Auditor's Report



KISHINE A. PADIOS
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Board of Directors
BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
4 South Drive, Baguio City, Philippines
Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2025 and 2024, the statements of income, statements of changes in capital and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cooperative as at December 31, 2025 and 2024 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audits in accordance with the Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSAs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Cooperative in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the Philippines, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related

Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Cooperative to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicated with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Report on the Supplementary Information Required Under Revenue Regulations No. 15-2010

My audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information required under Revenue Regulations No. 15-2010 in Note 37 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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March 19, 2026

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Auditor, Tax & Management Services

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATION

TO THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

In connection with my examination of the financial statements of the BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE covering the period ended December 31, 2025 that are herewith submitted to the Cooperative Development Authority, I hereby represent the following:

1. That said financial statements herewith attached are prepared and presented in accordance with the Philippine Financial Reporting Framework for Cooperatives, taking into consideration Cooperative laws, rules, regulations and principles;
2. That in the conduct of my audit, I adhered to the Philippine Standards on Auditing and the Standard Audit System for Cooperatives (SASC) as required by the Cooperative Development Authority;
3. That I am qualified as provided for in Section 8 of the Code of Professional Ethics for Certified Public Accountants and Article 81 of R.A. No. 9520 (Cooperative Code of the Philippines);
4. That I am fully aware of my responsibility as an independent auditor for the audit report issued and attached to the financial statements and the sanctions to be bestowed on me for my misrepresentations that I may have willingly or unwillingly committed;
5. That I nor any member of my immediate family do not have any direct or indirect financial interest with the cooperative;
6. That I am not an employee nor an officer of a secondary cooperative or tertiary cooperative of which this cooperative is a member;
7. That I am not an employee of the Cooperative Development Authority nor have I engaged an employee of the CDA in the course of audit;
8. That I make representation in my individual capacity;

9. That I am a member of the Metro Manila Chapter of the PICPA.

It is however, understood that my accountability is based on matter within the normal coverage of an audit conducted in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing and the Standard Audit Systems for Cooperatives.

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BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

	Notes		2025		2024
ASSETS					
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Property, plant and equipment	2, 5	₱	2,488,394,232	₱	2,563,385,743
Construction works in progress	2, 6		122,290,489		89,972,789
Restricted Fund	2, 7		343,930,220		350,389,985
Other non-current assets	2, 8		176,818,369		186,036,052
			3,131,433,310		3,189,784,569
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	2, 9		580,050,710		447,642,072
Trade and other receivables	2, 10		628,334,710		626,835,233
Inventories	2, 11		222,364,547		138,209,069
Other current assets	2, 12		32,756,884		42,568,810
			1,463,506,851		1,255,255,184
TOTAL ASSETS		₱	4,594,940,161	₱	4,445,039,753
EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES					
EQUITIES					
Members' contributions	2,13	₱	3,029,576	₱	2,433,911
Share Capital	2,14		75,936,256		56,739,100
Donated capital	2,15		701,938,107		654,972,650
Revaluation surplus	2,18		509,200,828		532,630,141
Miscellaneous contributed capital	16		2,102,336,782		1,977,994,750
Cumulative earnings	2,17		(449,422,561)		(452,762,053)
			2,943,018,988		2,772,008,499
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Long-term borrowings	2,19		249,277,819		329,847,219
Pension obligation	20		390,144,350		319,720,071
Consumers deposit	21		46,058,357		45,116,804
Other non-current liabilities	22		188,414,878		192,923,032
			873,895,404		887,607,126
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Short-term borrowings			-		10,372,320
Power supply payable	2,23		255,238,304		351,481,954
Trade and other payables	2,24		442,218,063		345,127,067
Current portion on long-term borrowings	2,19		80,569,402		78,442,787
			778,025,769		785,424,127
TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES		₱	4,594,940,161	₱	4,445,039,753

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BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

	Notes	2025	2024
REVENUES			
Pass Through Revenues	25	3,808,702,540	4,171,959,458
Coop revenues	25	564,772,253	536,230,326
Generation revenues		90,590,229	17,640,025
Total Revenue			
COST OF SALES	26	(3,786,064,862)	(4,179,155,276)
GROSS PROFIT			
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Distribution costs	2, 28	(333,441,923)	(327,964,943)
Power generation expenses	2, 29	(116,294,714)	-
Administrative expenses	2, 30	(235,918,353)	(211,159,496)
		(685,654,990)	(539,124,439)
OPERATING INCOME		(7,654,830)	7,550,094
OTHER INCOME	2, 27	173,651,649	151,386,367
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE		(143,236,426)	(135,599,231)
INTEREST EXPENSE		(19,420,902)	(22,917,548)
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		₱ 3,339,492	₱ 419,682

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**BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024**

	Notes	2025	2024
MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTION			
Balance, beginning		₱ 2,433,911	₱ 1,959,996
Additional contribution during the year		595,665	473,915
Balance, end	2,13	3,029,576	2,433,911
SHARE CAPITAL			
Balance, beginning		₱ 56,739,100	₱ 35,904,407
Additional contribution during the year		19,197,156	20,834,693
Balance, end	2,14	75,936,256	56,739,100
DONATED CAPITAL			
Balance, beginning of the year		654,972,650	560,596,879
Donations(adjustments) received during the year		61,268,642	106,728,159
Deduction for recognized income		(14,303,185)	(12,352,388)
Balance, end of the year	2,15	701,938,107	654,972,650
MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL			
Balance, beginning		1,977,994,750	1,860,482,522
Addition during the year		124,342,032	117,512,228
Balance, end	2,16	2,102,336,782	1,977,994,750
REVALUATION SURPLUS			
Balance, beginning		532,630,141	556,059,454
Adjustments during the year		(23,429,313)	(23,429,314)
Balance, end	18	509,200,828	532,630,141
CUMULATIVE EARNINGS (LOSS)			
Balance, beginning of the year		(452,762,053)	(453,181,735)
Net income (loss) for the year		3,339,492	419,682
Balance, end of the year	17	(449,422,561)	(452,762,053)
TOTAL EQUITIES		₱ 2,943,018,988	₱ 2,772,008,499

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**BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024**

	Notes	2025	2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income (loss)		₱ 3,339,492	₱ 419,682
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations			
Depreciation	2,5	167,286,712	135,599,231
Income from government grant		(14,303,185)	(12,352,388)
Operating income before working capital changes		156,323,018	123,666,525
Decrease (Increase) In:			
Trade and other receivables	2,10	(1,499,477)	(54,860,975)
Inventories	2,11	(84,155,478)	17,645,057
Other current assets	2,12	9,811,926	(3,610,553)
Increase (Decrease) In:			
Short-term borrowings		(10,372,320)	10,372,320
Power supply payable		(96,243,650)	(221,558,330)
Trade and other payables	2,20	97,090,997	33,515,509
Pension obligation	17	70,424,279	41,839,425
Net cash provided by operating activities		141,379,296	(52,991,022)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Decrease (Increase) In:			
Property, plant and equipment	2,5	(115,724,514)	(119,673,643)
Construction work in progress	2,6	(32,317,700)	35,644,382
Restricted fund	2,7	6,459,764	(127,073,643)
Other non-current assets	2,8	9,217,683	1,508,211
Net cash provided by investing activities		(132,364,767)	(209,594,693)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Increase (Decrease) In:			
Membership contributions	2,13	595,665	473,915
Share capital		19,197,156	20,834,693
Donated capital	14	61,268,642	106,728,159
Miscellaneous contributed capital	15	124,342,032	117,512,228
Long-term debts	2,16	(78,442,785)	(54,283,759)
Consumers deposit	18	941,553	3,711,020
Other non-current liabilities	19	(4,508,155)	(22,421,432)
Net cash provided by financing activities		123,394,109	172,554,824
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		132,408,638	(90,030,891)
Cash balance, beginning of the year		447,642,072	537,672,963
CASH BALANCE, END OF THE YEAR		₱ 580,050,710	₱ 447,642,072

Franchise Secured, RA 12303 - September 12, 2025



HB 6145 - November 15, 2022

Authored by : Congressman Marquez O. Go

HB 9402 - October 11, 2023

Authored by : Congressman Eric G. Yap

HB 10483 - August 8, 2024

Consolidated House Bills

Long-term Power Supply Procurement - Facilitated by NEA for 18 Ecs in Luzon
February 3, 2025



Winning Bidders: TLI and MPCL

Emergency Power Supply Agreement - February 25, 2025



Ansagan Switch-on Ceremony



Sitio Electrification Program (Ansagan, Tuba, Benguet) - October 30, 2025



Legacy Training Center in Barangay Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet



Institutional : Livelihood Donations



Medical/Dental Missions



Employee/PHILRECA Activities



LakTak Fun Run



Optical and Medical Mission - February 28, 2025



2025 Line Workers' Rodeo



BENECO hosts the 2025 Line Workers' Rodeo 3rd Warriors of Light Summit Luzon Leg - May 22-23, 2025



BENECO Anniversary Month Activities



Activities - October 2025



Annual General Membership Assembly



Sablan (Municipal Gym) - June 14, 2025



La Trinidad (Benguet Sports Complex, Wangal) - June 21, 2025



Baguio City (Athletic Bowl) - June 28, 2025



Oath Taking of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson



Meeting with Municipal Mayor and Officials



Ceremonial Switch-on and Energization Program



Regreening



Committees of the Cooperative in Action



BENECO Committee of the Cooperative Members Meeting



IEC Chairperson Linda Asuncion discussing share capital with DSWD 4PS Program Officers



Warriors of Light in Action



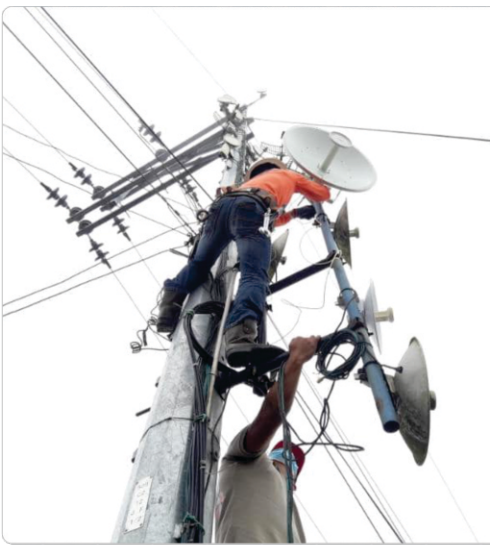
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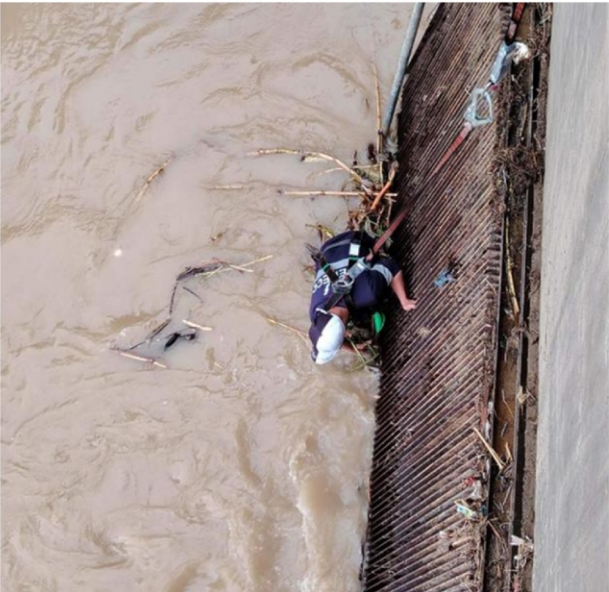
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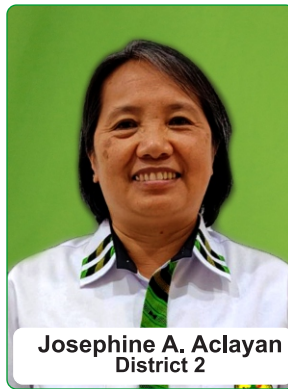
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Department Manager –
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Socio-Economic Effects of Sitio Electrification Program in the Province of Benguet, Philippines: A Thematic Analysis

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ABSTRACT

The rural areas in Benguet province have witnessed the continuing sitio electrification program for the past years. Emerging sitios are increasing because of population increase and the supply of electricity was critical for improving the quality of rural life and opening up the areas for socioeconomic development. This study looks into the effects of a sitio electrification program using focus group discussion (FGD) to obtain the data. Thematic analysis was used to interpret the results of the study. A total of 119 respondents from 16 sitios were used in the study. The results revealed that the socio-economic effects of the sitio electrification program in the Province of Benguet are livelihood, additional income and employment, education, health and sanitation, communication, environment, and productivity and efficiency. Therefore, the sitio electrification program can reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in the rural areas in the Province of Benguet. Keywords: Sitio electrification program, member-consumer-owner, electric cooperative.

INTRODUCTION

Every community around the world, rural electrification is a pressing concern. According to the International Energy Agency's (IEA, 2022) as of 2019, 720 million people live without access to electricity or 10.2% of the global population. Almost all of them live in developing countries (1,257,000 out of 1,258,000). The region most affected by the lack of electricity is Africa, specifically Sub-Saharan Africa. While the electrification rate in North Africa reach 99% in 2011, it was higher than 32% in sub-Saharan countries. These figures are even more alarming when considering the electrification rates in rural area. The IEA reports that only 65.1 percent of rural areas in developing countries had access to electricity in 2011, while rural electrification rates of transition economies and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries was 99.7 percent.

Electricity alone may not be able to create all the conditions for economic growth, but it is obviously essential for basic human needs and economic activity (IEA, 2013). In theory, access to electricity can improve socio-economic conditions in developing countries through its influence on key components of poverty,

namely health, education, income and environment (Kanagawa and Nakata, 2008).

Rural electrification is the process of bringing electrical power to rural and remote areas, which can take two main forms: Grid electrification and off-grid electrification (Adegbulugbe, 2006). In most cases, the definition of rural determines the applicability of grid or off-grid electrification. Its meaning varies from one continent to the other and country to country. For some, rural area is a subjective state of mind. For others, rural is an objective quantitative measure. USDA (2007) defined rural area or nonmetro as any area that is not urban. It is an area outside of cities and towns. It is a remote and underdeveloped area where farming is majorly practiced (Faley, 2003). Omale (2005) further defined it as an area with a population lower than 20,000, occupationally specific and geographically removed from an urban area in terms of services e.g. water, health, electricity, etc.

In the Philippines, nearly 1,913,612 households do not have access to electricity or experience brownouts. Brownouts are unintentional or intentional drops in the amount of voltage that an electrical grid puts out (NEA Report, 2024).

To improve the economic and social development of rural communities, the Philippine government initiated the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP). The purpose of this fund is to provide support to expand cost-effective electrification and access in rural areas across the entire Philippines. This program was initiated by President Benigno Aquino III way back in 2011. This fund amounted to PHP 814 million was course through National Electrification Administration (NEA) to be distributed to the different electric cooperatives in the country. The government was committed in coordination with the electric cooperatives to provide electricity to 32,441 sitios as of June 2011 (<https://industry.gov.ph-national-electrification-administration>). NEA is the government agency in the Philippines that supervises the operation of electric cooperatives (RA 10531). Electric cooperatives (ECs) in the Philippines are responsible for the distribution of electricity to households.

Background of the Study

Sitio electrification is a challenging task in the province of Benguet considering the geographical location; terrain, mountainous, rivers to cross, and the cluster of houses that have to be considered in the sitio electrification program. The Province of Benguet is composed of thirteen municipalities, 269 barangays, and 3,158 sitios. Of the 3,158 sitios, 81.8% are already energized while 18.2% are scheduled for energization (BENECO REPORT, 2022). Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) is the electric cooperative issued franchise by the government to distribute electricity in the City of Baguio and the Province of Benguet. Take note that sitio electrification is a continuous program of BENECO because of increasing population. The territorial and political subdivisions of



the Republic of the Philippines are provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays or also known as barrio.

A sitio can be created because of continuous building of houses. A sitio in the Philippines is a territorial enclave that forms part of a barangay. Typically, a sitio's location is usually far from the center of the barangay itself and could be its own barangay if its population were high enough (<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/>).

BENECO is the pioneer of sitio electrification in the entire Philippines. They started the SEP in the year 2007. The management of BENECO because of its mandate to energize all their areas of operation loaned an amount of PHP 100,000,000 from the government through NEA. This was replicated by the national government in 2011 when the late president Benigno Simeon Aquino III gave a subsidy for sitio electrification program. The funds for SEP were course through National Electrification Administration (NEA) for distribution to electric cooperatives. Records shows that BENECO spent ₱ 158,768,775.43 from 2011 to 2018. In the on-going SEP, BENECO spent ₱86,718,303.69 up to this year (BENECO, 2022).

Although assessment has been conducted worldwide on the effects of rural electrification, there is no assessment or study conducted province-wide to show contribution of rural electrification programs in the Philippines. Much, however, still to be studied and show indicators, whether or not these contributed to rural development in terms of socio-economic effects. This is the first study be conducted province wide in the Philippines, much more in the Province of Benguet. Hence, will further the knowledge in the field of sitio electrification.

The study will be useful to Benguet Electric Cooperative in planning and implementing their sitio electrification in Benguet. It will help the electric cooperative to prioritize and link their SEP to the community as well as the local government units in the attainment of a common goal—total electrification of all sitios in the Province of Benguet.

The study will also help the community on how to complement their local resources for a meaningful implementation of the SEP. They will be encouraged to support the program once findings will be presented and discussed with them. The national government will benefit from the study. Once the results are available, they will be encouraged to support the program and prioritize the funding of the Sitio Electrification Program in the country.

For the future researchers, this study will serve as a benchmark for other researchers who will conduct similar study about rural electrification program.

For the researcher, it will serve as a guide and parameter in helping BENECO as a member consumer-owner (MCO) to educate other MCOs in supporting our electric cooperative in the implementation of SEP.

Conceptual Framework

The study has provided the researcher the much-needed perspective that led to the formulation of the conceptual framework of this present study. Sitio electrification program has been the mandate of all ECs in the country, BENECO included to improve the life of the people in the far-flung barangays/sitios. While we can compute the expenses of electric cooperative, there are no clear indicators to assess the effects and contribution of electricity in the newly energized sitios.

Electricity has been acknowledged as a vehicle to socio-economic development around the world. In the less developed countries like the Philippines, the more electricity is needed to spur socioeconomic activities. In Nigeria, an increase in the supply of electricity to rural households can be effective in enhancing engagement in market and economic activities (Omale, 2005). In the same vein, women's economic independence is enhanced with efficiency in production of household services and increase in factor income (Licoiez et al., 2021). Factor income is the flow of income that is derived from the factors of production—the general inputs required to produce goods and services. There are four types of factor income in the form of wages, interest, rent and profits. How does electricity increase factor income? Once your community is energized, you can establish a welding shop, and other livelihood, thus earning income.

The operational paradigm of the study (Figure 1) describes the coverage and direction of the study. The input is the socio-economic effects of sitio electrification program encountered by the new member-consumer-owner. The process is the used of FGD to be interpreted thematically, and the output are the identified effects of sitio electrification program.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

The study employed a qualitative method of research through focus group discussion (FGD). This method was appropriate to use in order to gather the participants' perception on the effect of sitio electrification in the Province of Benguet and the lessons learned from the study.

Specifically, Thematic Analysis was used. Thematic analysis is a good approach to research where you're trying to find out something about people's views, opinions, knowledge, experiences or values from a set of qualitative data. The common question ask to the participants is, "what are the effects of electrification in your community?"

Ethical considerations in conducting the focus group discussions were highly observed before, during, and after the procedures of the study by telling the new member-consumer-owner that the interview was purely voluntary.

Locale and Research Participants

The study was conducted in the Province of Benguet particularly in the municipalities of Atok, Bokod, Kibungan, Sablan, and Tublay. The participants of the study are the recent beneficiaries of the sitio electrification program (SEP) implemented by BENECO from January 1, 2020 to May, 2023.

Materials/Methods/Instrumentation

The researcher made use of general qualitative inquiry. This method used the unstructured interviews which generated qualitative data through the use of open questions. This allows the participant to talk in some depth, choosing their own words. This helps the researcher develop a real sense of the person's understanding of a situation (<https://www.simplepsychology.org/qualitative/quantitative>).

Treatment/Analysis of Data

In thematic analysis, we have several types to analyze focus data which are constant comparison analysis, classical constant analysis, keywords-in-context, and discourse analysis. The most appropriate tool used by the researcher is the constant comparison analysis developed by Glazer and Straus (1992). This tool was used to analyze many types of data including focus group data. The constant comparison analysis is characterized by three major stages (Strauss and Corbin, 1998). The first stage, the data are chunked into smaller units. The researcher chunked the interview extract in one column. The second stage, these was coded. In the third stage and final stage, these codes are group into categories. The categories will define the socio-economic effects of sitio electrification program in the province of Benguet.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

This section presents the results, analysis and discussion of the data obtained based on the specific objectives of the study. It discusses the effects of sitio electrification in the Province of Benguet. Table 2 presents the coding interview extracts. The first column (interview extract) are the overall responses from the beneficiaries. In the second column (Codes), we highlight the phrases or sentences – and coming out with a shorthand or “codes” to describe their content.

As presented in the thematic analysis, here are the identified effects.

3.1 Livelihood

The Sitio Electrification Program (SEP) was able to provide livelihood activities by way of farmers expanding their cut-flowers farm, backyard piggery, welding/fabrication, additional greenhouse, poultry production, vulcanizing shop, iron works, mini-grocery, furniture and auto shop due to the availability of electricity. They constructed additional greenhouses especially in the areas

of Tublay and Atok. Piggery and poultry were also established as an additional livelihood for housewives that augmented their farm income. Other beneficiaries of SEP were able to established their own welding and fabrication shop. This supports the findings of Ayana and Degefa (2022), who found out that rural electrification improves rural households. Specifically, finding shows that rural electrification has a statistically significant positive genuine effect on household education, employment, income, time uses (time management), and women empowerment. This study corroborated also the findings of ESCAP (2021) which says that on the average, electricity access interventions increase income, consumption and expenditure, working time and employment status. These results are consistent and significant for all economic indicators examined, suggesting that electrification can play a very valuable role in economic development.

3.2 Additional Income, Employment, Job Creation

The beneficiaries of SEP were able to provide additional income to the family by way of selling frozen foods. Others were able to do online selling in their respected sitios. What is very glaring is some beneficiaries during the interview mentioned that they need not go to the urban areas for employment since they can be self-employed because of the availability of electricity. So, it is proven that electricity is helping the government in its program "balik probinsiya" (return to the rural areas) to decongest populated urban areas. This supports the findings of Dasso and Fernandez (2015) on the effects of electrification on employment in rural Peru, it was noted that employment rate goes up by 3.5 percent in energized rural areas, and providing electricity increases earnings and hourly work by 35 percent which corroborated our findings. In another study by Dinkelman (2011) on the effects of rural electrification on employment: new evidence from South Africa shows that this new infrastructure appears to increase hours of work for men and women, while reducing female wages and increasing male earnings. Further evidence suggests that household electrification raises employment by releasing women from home production and enabling micro-enterprise. Migration behavior may also be affected because of livelihood opportunities in the rural areas. This also supported the findings of Rao (2013) that there is a robust income effect of access to electricity as evidence of the effect of supply availability. Another study that this research supported is the findings of Kumar & Rauniyar (2018) under nonfarm income, accordingly, nonfarm income increased by 61 percent.

3.3 Education

Another effect of SEP is education. Because of electricity, the students were able to attend online class/google class, study at night, answer their modules at night, and do online research for their school activities. One that was noticed by their parents was the increase in their grades. Accordingly, this was attributed to the supply of electricity since they now have the option to use online research, google class, and be updated on current events.

This supports the findings of Aguirre (2017), it was found out that household connection to electricity significantly increase the time children studying at home (94 mins to 137 mins) per day allowing greater opportunities for improving their academic performance. In the review of ESCAP (2021), it was also found out that electricity access intervention led to positive educational outcomes for children, including increase in the study time and total years of schooling. In the study of Kumar & Rauniyar (2018) on education, it was found out that children gained .07 additional years of schooling and 9 minutes of study time every day, thus, supply of electricity plays an important role in the education of pupils in the rural areas.

3.4 Health and Sanitation

Another result of the study is the improvement of health and sanitation. Some beneficiaries like Tublay and Atok were able to use gadget like nebulizer, they can breath fresh air since the family no longer use “saleng” (pine perch) that is source of smoke, they can now clean their house at night and early morning because of the light. Food such as meat, vegetables can now be stored in the refrigerator to keep it fresh. They boil their drinking water and water for bathing. Wash their clothes using washing machine. The time of washing was lessen, and they can attend to their farm and work earlier. In one of my interviews in Abiang, Atok, there was observed reduction in flu and cough to their children since they now heat their water with the aid of electric heater. Take note that Atok is one of the coldest places in Benguet. Another touching story is about a boy suffering from asthma. Every time he has asthma attack, they have to carry him to another sitio that has the electricity to use the nebulizer. It's a big relief on their part when their sitio was energized. About health information (Chen et al., 2017), it was found that probability of accessing health information via television increases significantly with more reliable electricity. It has been previously found that electricity can increase exposure to television and internet and consequently to health information and education campaigns relayed via these electronic media. Reliable electricity can therefore increase overall health knowledge received by rural residents, particularly rural mothers, by increasing television viewing. This study supported this finding.

3.5 Communication

Another effect of SEP is on communication. On the part of the beneficiaries, they can now communicate easily with the use of cellphones, and charge them, which make it easier for them. They are now updated with current events because of TV, online news, and internet. They can call their relatives and friends for emergencies and other important gatherings because of internet connection. This study supports the findings of Armeiy and Hosman (2016) and provides one of the first evidence about the impact of access to electricity on mobile connectivity in low-income countries, with a focus on the access to internet. Lenz et al. (2017) assess the impact of large-scale rural electrification on Rwanda, connecting 370,000 new users within less than four years, and find significant increase in mobile phone ownership and usage.

3.6 Environment

The SEP is also very helpful to our environment. Because of electricity, it improves the air quality since beneficiaries no longer use gas and oil for light and cooking. Take note that this are fossil fuels that are harmful to human being when smelled, and to our environment. The use of electricity lessens the use firewood thus, lessen the cutting of trees. This study corroborated the findings of Dendup (2022) on the return to grid electricity on firewood and kerosene it has the following findings: grid electricity reduces firewood consumption by 0.83 – 2.09 cubic meters per month in rural Bhutan, electrified households are about 86% - 90% more likely to use electricity of lighting fuel, suggesting potential for replacement of kerosene, and the underlying mechanism behind the reduction of firewood consumption is through change in household technology.

3.7 Time Management, Productivity, and Efficiency

Another effect of SEP is on time management, productivity, and efficiency. Time management on the part of beneficiaries is how the supply of electricity improves their household chores, the activities they do every day. Supply of water can now be tap from the river with the use of water pump power by electricity. Most of the vegetable farms in Benguet are located within the slope of the mountains. Thus, easier to supply and water the vegetables. Another is the use of chargeable sprayer. Instead of pumping it daily, you can immediately use it once charge. One thing more, it is tiring for old farmers to be pumping manually. Since children can answer their modules at night, they can help their parents in the farm to finish the work fast. In the productivity and efficiency, it is fast and easy for carpenters to finish their work with the aid of power tools connected to electricity. Farmers can easily repair their garden tools at home with the aid of welding machine. Unlike before that they have to go to other sitio with electricity to have their garden tools repaired, thus saving time. Another glaring effect is the easy financial transaction of beneficiaries. They can use other online transaction to buy their needs and pay financial obligations. This supported the findings in 2014, because of access to rural electrification, rural communities in India gained more than US\$ 21 million from increase economic activity (<https://www.theclimategroup.org/sites/default/files/thebusiness-case-for-offgrid-energy-in-India.pdf>)

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION, AND POLICY RECOMMENDATION

This study evaluates the effects of sitio electrification program in the Province of Benguet. It adopts the FGD approach to assess the effects in the selected communities. The study shows that the respondents are the new member-consumer-owner (MCO) of Benguet Electric Cooperative. The conclusion is that access to electricity improves the life of the new beneficiaries from livelihood, additional income and employment, education, health and sanitation, communication, environment, and time management. Therefore, sitio electrification can reduce poverty and improve standard of living in the rural communities in the Province of Benguet. It is therefore recommended that sitio electrification program should be continued by the Benguet Electric Cooperative with the support coming from the local government units, stakeholders, and the national government.

Our country as a whole stand to benefit from universal access to electricity. It is proven that reliable supply of electricity improves socio-economic development of the people especially the marginalized in the rural areas. Big companies cannot supply electricity to the rural areas because of big capital expenditure and long return of investment. However, electric cooperatives (ECs) can continue to supply electricity in their areas of franchise since this are their mandate to their member-consumer-owner. The budget for SEP should continue to be provided by the policy makers to ECs for implementation so no one is left behind.

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